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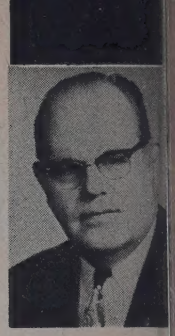
"SORROW NOT"

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Harold E. Westerhoff

Robert Bruce Faulk is dead. But the life of "Bob" Faulk will go on in the lives of those he influenced. "* * * That ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope," the Apostle's stirring words to the Christians in Thessalonica, take on new meaning when one thinks of the life and death of Bob Faulk.

Robert Bruce Faulk was perhaps one of the most influential of all Christian Endeavorers in terms of Christian witness, winning youth to Jesus Christ, serving his fellowman, testifying to the work of the Holy Spirit in one's life. Yet for nearly a quarter of a century Bob Faulk never left his bed.

A crippling bone disease took hold of Bob Faulk in 1939 when he was just a junior in Butler High School. The crippling has been traced to tuberculosis of the bone, attributed to an infection that could have come from a boyhood incident when he was nine years old. Hit on the ankle that summer by a brick tile, it was not until his teens that infection was noted in Bob. Extensive treatment and a series of operations failed to halt the deadly conquest of the disease. Finally it immobilized his legs, hips, and then most of his body. He spent most of his 42 years confined to a specially made bed in the family home in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Encouraging others to have faith and hope even in the presence of seemingly hopeless odds, Bob's faith became a solid rock—for him and for others. Although his physical world was hemmed in by the four walls of his room, he reached more people than many able-bodied men. In addition to operating his Gospel Greetings Shop, he worked through Christian Endeavor and Youth for Christ. In 1950 the Butler Jaycees, recognizing his accomplishments in organizing and directing Christ's Cloistered Crusaders, awarded Bob the second Distinguished Service Award.

Christ's Cloistered Crusaders has been the shut-ins department of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union for many years. Bob Faulk was its director at the time of his death. He was a former editor of YOUTH TODAY, the official organ of the Pennsylvania Union. Until recently he for 12 years directed the annual Shut-ins Day service in Butler.

With a specially-mounted typewriter he carried on an extensive editing program and a schedule of writing that was exhausting. His life and witness were examples to the disheartened and discouraged around the world. His was not a provincial ministry.

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

May and June Activities

May

11—Colorado Spring Conference, Cope
Contact: Mr. Dennis Roth, 1608 South Washington, Denver, Colorado

June

6-8—New York State Convention, Briarcliff Manor
Contact: Mr. Marvin C. Sloane, 532 Helendale Road, Rochester 9

14-16—Illinois Convention, Chicago
Contact: Mr. Charles Clark, 4239 West End Avenue, Chicago 24

15—Ohio Conventionette, Columbus
Contact: Mr. Cecil A. Jeffery, 1023 Bernhard Road, Columbus 27

20-23—Texas Convention, Alamo
Contact: Mr. Charles Meek, Box 37, Arcadia

22-29—Massachusetts Conference, East Northfield
Contact: Rev. Edward G. Johnston, 136 Walsh Street, North Medford

24-27—West Virginia Convention, Wheeling
Contact: Miss Mary Evelyn Wendt, Star Route #2, Cameron

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Mary Moffitt, sponsor, receives $500 check and an honor medal on behalf of Junior Highs of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, from Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, D.D., and Dr. Kenneth D. Wells (right) at Freedoms Foundation ceremonies. Detailed story on Page 9.

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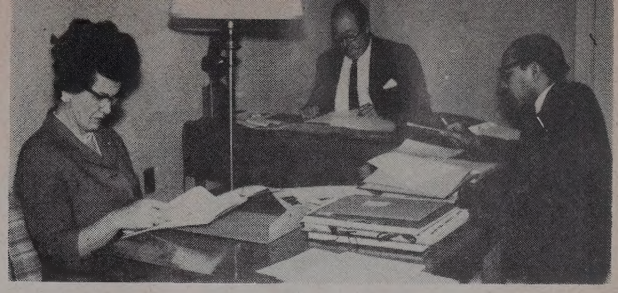
CITIZENSHIP WINNERS



JUDGES reviewing entries are (from left) Mrs. Harold M. Dudley, A. Richard Diebold, and Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

The winning societies in Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program will be honored during the International Convention in Washington, D.C., according to announcement by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the winners on Thursday night, July 4, when the Honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas, will be the speaker.

Winners were judged in one of the three categories listed on a completed citizenship activity begun after September 1, 1962. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which the project implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness in the community. Each of the winning societies will receive a cash award as shown, plus an attractive plaque.

1963 Albert H. Diebold Awards

PATRIOTISM

FIRST AWARD — $125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Washington Convention

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

SECOND AWARD — $100 in cash

Senior High Christian Endeavor Society, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia

THIRD AWARD — $50 in cash

High School Christian Endeavor Society, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

RUNNERS-UP — $25 each in cash

(Listed alphabetically by state)

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Capital Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio

Christian Endeavor Society, Somerville United Presbyterian Church, Somerville, Ohio

SOCIAL REFORM

FIRST AWARD — $125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Washington Convention

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Brown Road Community Church, Columbus, Ohio

SECOND AWARD — $100 in cash

Senior High Christian Endeavor Society, Second Reformed Church, Rochester, New York

THIRD AWARD — $50 in cash

Christian Endeavor Society, First United Presbyterian Church, Camden, Ohio

RUNNERS-UP—$25 each in cash

(Listed alphabetically by state)

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario

Christian Endeavor Society, Elgin Christian Church, Elgin, Oregon

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania

COMMUNITY SERVICE

FIRST AWARD — $125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Washington Convention

Junior High Christian Endeavor Society, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

SECOND AWARD — $100 in cash

Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Wurdack Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri

THIRD AWARD — $50 in cash

Intermediate High Christian Endeavor Society, Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario

RUNNERS-UP — $25 each in cash

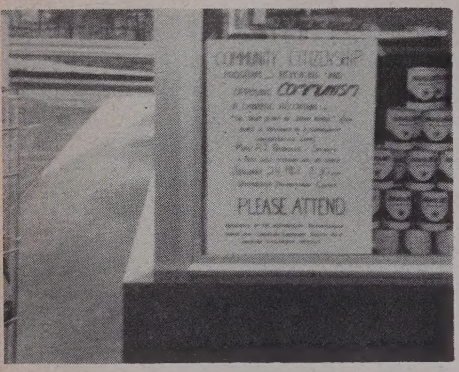
(Listed alphabetically by state)

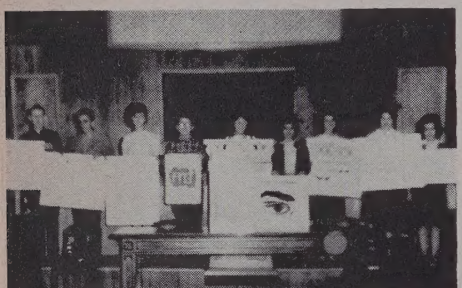
Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois

Christian Endeavor Society, Second Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Comforter Youth Fellowship, Reformed Church of Comforter, Kingston, New York

PLAQUES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO EACH OF THE GROUPS LISTED ABOVE





Meet the Winners....

PATRIOTISM

THREE PROGRAMS on Communism and the Christian won top honors in the Patriotism category for the Young People's Society of Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.

In preparation for the programs, the group of 13 members headed by Susan Kaufelt set up seven committees. Sessions were held January 13, 20, and 27 at the Masonic Home Chapel.

Society members participated in the first program on the theme "Are We Taking Freedom for Granted?" For the second session Mrs. Anna Gladys Aral, a Cuban refugee, spoke on "What It's Like to Live in a Communist Country." Dr. James E. Bear, professor of World Missions at Union Theological Seminary and a former missionary to China, was the speaker on "Communism and the Christian" at the final session.

Youth of other churches were invited to participate. In addition to radio and television announcements, newspaper releases, and posters, a number of booklets on the menace of Communism were distributed.

Other citizenship activities include an area survey, Christmas caroling for the elderly, and clothes collection for Church World Service. Alice Goodman and Lincoln Stephenson are counselors.

COMMUNISM was also the subject of the second-place project, planned by Senior High Endeavorers of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

The 20 members of this group called their efforts a "Community Citizenship Program Revealing and Opposing Communism," based on Ephesians 6:12, 13.

At their public meeting January 24 the recording of "The True Story of John Noble" was heard and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds of Salem spoke. Promotion included announcements in church, at high school, and to homes, newspaper and radio items, and posters in the community. The offering of $18.65 was used to help combat Communism in Mexico.

Larry Hillman is society president, Patricia Gallimore, citizenship chairman.

LOCAL AND WORLD-WIDE citizenship were emphasized by Endeavorers of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Local activities included a "Know Your America Week" program November 25, a get-out-the-vote effort, continued prayers for government, correspondence with servicemen, and programs to reach unreached youth of the community. At Christmas help was given to two needy families and toys collected and repaired for a children's home.

The world-wide emphasis included an exchange meeting October 14 with Endeavorers in Sydney, Australia, and a Christmas gift to Christians in Baguio, The Philippines.

A PRAYER WEEK for government officials, an emphasis on voting, and a program on Communism won a runner-up award for Senior Endeavorers of Capital Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Ten of the 16 society members studied for two months in order to give a detailed and technical lecture on Communism. Eleven posters were made by members. Mrs. Charlene Sanders is sponsor.

"KNOW OUR COMMUNITY" was the project of the Senior Society of the United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio. Visits to government agencies, service clubs, local businesses and industries, and public service operations were climaxed with an essay contest on "My Community." Of the 11 members, an average of nine participated in each visit. Conrad Clippinger II is president; Helen Beatty, project chairman; and Rev. Clair E. Beatty, minister.

AMERICAN FLAGS in every home and flying on appropriate occasions was the goal of the 11 society members, ages 9-15, of the United Presbyterian Church, Somerville, Ohio. Youth canvassed 143 homes and sold 56 flags at a special rate. They also distributed rules for proper display of the flag. Any profits from the sale will help send delegates to the Washington Convention. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Rahmes.

TOP — Youth of Fairmount-Hoge Presbyterian Church, Richmond, with their sponsors; SECOND — Meeting poster on display in service station in Roanoke; THIRD — All these posters were made by society members of Capital Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois; FOURTH — A chat with the fire chief was included in the community survey of Covington (Ohio) Endeavorers; BOTTOM — Flags for sale in the community are examined by the Junior High group of the United Presbyterian Church, Somerville, Ohio.

Projects in Detail....

SOCIAL REFORM

FIGHT OBSCENE LITERATURE WEEK was proclaimed in Columbus, Ohio, November 4-10 as the result of efforts of the Young People's Society of Brown Road Community Church.

This first-place group, led by Arthur W. Scurlock, Jr., director of youth activities, sent mimeographed letters to 521 churches in the Greater Columbus area, asking them to obtain signatures on a petition, preach sermons during the week on the subject, and send personal letters to the mayor, council, and members of their local congregations.

Responses received from other Protestant churches as well as Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders included sermon notes and a number of signed petitions, which were sent to leading magazine publishers. Local radio stations and newspapers participated in the campaign.

This group includes 87 teen-agers ages 12-18. Pastor of the church is Rev. Mabel Rife Whipple.

PROMOTE PRAYER—*The Christian's Natural Resource* was the theme used by the Senior High group of Second Reformed Church, Rochester, New York, for its second place project.

The effort was launched September 16 when the pastor, Rev. Richard Pruiksma, spoke on prayer. The next week two prominent members of the church discussed "The Meaning of Personal Prayer." Endeavorers then made plans for prayer visits to shut-ins, which began in November. On October 7 "Prayer Practices in the Home" were considered at a parent-youth dinner.

Two Old-Fashioned Prayer Meetings were held—one October 13 and one December 8, when members of the Derby (New York) society were guests.

During the entire period a bulletin board on prayer was maintained.

ENDEAVORERS of First United Presbyterian Church, Camden, Ohio, received third award for their "World Friendship through World Understanding" project.

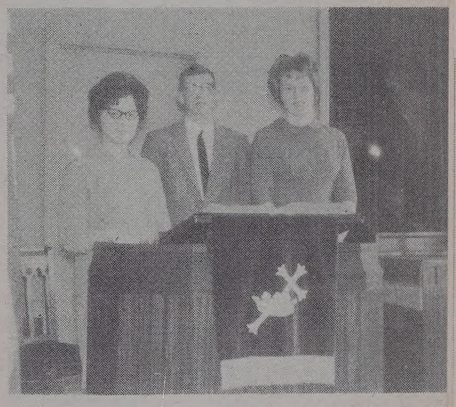
Their first program in a series of three with a world-wide emphasis was held December 21, "Christmas around the World." The next program was January 13, when the threat of Communism was emphasized by the showing of the film "Communist Accent on Youth" with two other youth groups as guests.

The final program January 27 featured Mrs. Sakuntaka Rangarajan of Madras, who spoke on family life, customs, education, and economic problems of India. She and Miss Fatima of Pakistan answered questions about their native lands during an informal discussion and social period which followed.

AID TO CHILDREN in the neighborhood of their downtown church was the project selected by the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario. Once each month members take charge of the Good News Club, which has an average attendance of 50 neighborhood children of many races. Evils surrounding the church and the problems facing children in the area were evaluated.

SMOKING AND DRINKING were the project emphases of the Young People's Society of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania. Films on these subjects were seen November 18 by 75 youth under 21 and an equal number of adults. On December 30 and again on January 20 a play was given on "Our Spiritual Food" (family worship). Tracts on smoking and drinking were distributed. Every member of the society has signed a pledge never to smoke cigarettes or touch liquor.

"WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL?" was the project of another runner-up winner, the society of Elgin Christian Church, Elgin, Oregon. Beth Hug is program chairman and Julia Hulse president of this group of 20, mostly of high school age. Three school term papers and two talks were given on the subject; 15 books plus other items were read and oral reports on some of the books given in English class. "Cup of Fury" by Upton Sinclair was purchased by the society as an addition to the school library.



TOP — Endeavorers of Brown Road Community Church, Columbus, obtain signatures for obscene literature fight; SECOND — Sermons on prayer were given by these youth at Second Reformed Church, Rochester; THIRD—Speakers from India and Pakistan were heard by Camden (Ohio) Endeavorers; BOTTOM — "Wide as the Ocean" is the chorus sung by these children of the Good News Club at Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

The Winning Projects....

COMMUNITY SERVICE

FIRST PLACE AWARD in the Community Service category goes to the Junior High Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas.

OPERATION S A C was planned by this group which has an average attendance of 21 seventh through ninth graders. Theme was "Concerned: That Other Lives Be Fuller." Using the rocket idea, the project was developed in three stages:

Operation S—Shut-ins
Christmas caroling December 23 for shut-ins and at a rest home

Operation A—Aged
Devotional service at the Juliette Fowler Home January 26

Operation C—Children
Furnished refreshments and sang February 2 at the Union Gospel Mission for children who participate in a Saturday afternoon Bible Class

Janice Redden is president and Larry Hanby project chairman. Sponsor is Mary Moffitt; Rev. A. A. Harman is pastor.

RACE RELATIONS AND SENIOR CITIZENS was the two-pronged effort which gave second place to youth of Wurdack Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Their activities September 2 to February 1 included: Collecting candy and cookies for Halloween "trick or treat" to be sent to the Navajo Indians; program at the Sunshine Mission (for elderly men); preparation of a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family; repairing and painting 166 toys, given to the Annie Malone Negro orphanage and to individual families; Christmas caroling for two old folks homes and senior citizens and shut-ins; preparation of scrapbooks for the cerebral palsy school; and a program and party at a Negro orphange.

PROJECTS BASED on "Christian Endeavor in Principle and Practice" took third place for the Intermediate High Society (13-17 years of age) of Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario.

Events December 2—February 2 included:

Loyalty—Visits to 14 sick and shut-ins, two each Sunday afternoon, with worship program and gift of cookies.

Service—With Senior Society packed 26 Christmas boxes and delivered 13; raised $100 for this by November licorice sale.

Fellowship—Sponsored a New Year's Eve Party for 44 teen-age boys and girls of the church and the downtown community.

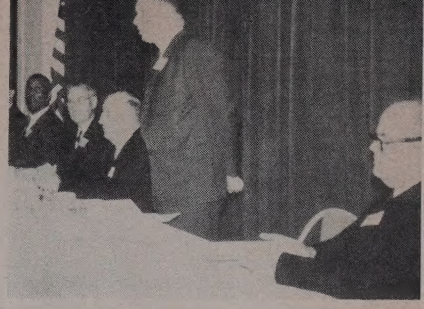
Confession—Led the evening church service February 3, followed by a fireside, sing song, and challenging film.

A COMMITTEE OF EIGHT, meeting at least every two weeks, directed the varied activities of the Senior Society of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois. Included were the placing of a Christian Endeavor poster on the side of a downtown restaurant, providing a basket of food to a needy family at Thanksgiving time, giving a Christmas program at the Tri State Manor home for the aged, decorating the church for Christmas, and redecorating their meeting room. Jeanette Homan is president.

TWO PROGRAMS at the Receiving Hospital of Kalamazoo State Hospital were the projects of the Endeavorers of Second Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The first program December 9 was for 30 female patients, with a similar program January 27 for 16 male patients. Each program lasted an hour and a half and was climaxed by a short devotional period. Robert Donia is president of this group of 25 active members, ranging in age from 10th grade through college.

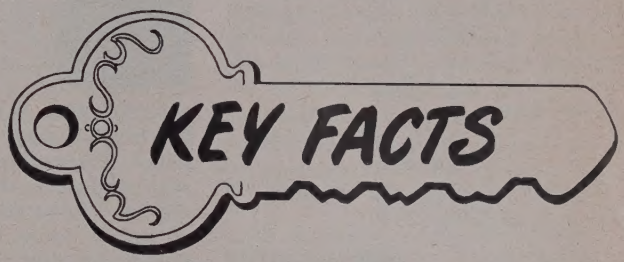
FORTY-FIVE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH members of Comforter Youth Fellowship of Reformed Church of Comforter, Kingston, New York, participated in these community service projects. Preparation of Thanksgiving baskets, weekly visits to Ulster County Infirmary to assist patients, preparation of 100 Christmas favors for hospital trays, Christmas caroling to the Infirmary and church shut-ins, and a worship service at the Tuberculosis hospital. Beverly Reese and Sam Fratoni are youth advisers.

TOP — "Make Me a Blessing" is being sung by these Junior Highs of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, at a local home for the aged; CENTER — Endeavorers of Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, visit a crippled shut-in; BOTTOM — Hanging a Christian Endeavor poster in the downtown area of Lansing, Illinois, was one of the projects of these young people of Grace Reformed Church.



LEFT — Fifty were present March 22 when members of International Society's Executive Committee enjoyed dinner with the Capital Area Convention Committee at the All States Inn in Washington, D.C. RIGHT — At the head table were (from left) Timothy J. Kribs, Phil C. Reed, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, Alden E. mus, and Harold E. Westerhoff.

WASHINGTON CONVENTION



ALL SESSIONS of the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held July 2-6 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in the heart of Washington, D.C. Located on 16 acres of wooded grounds, the hotel offers 1200 outside rooms, completely air conditioned, plus free use of the swimming pool for registered guests.

PARKING will be no problem for delegates. All registered hotel guests are assured of FREE parking.

BEAUTIFUL SHERATON HALL, seating over 2700, will be the setting for the evening sessions, the Quiet Hour periods each morning, and the daily General Assemblies. Breakfasts and dinners will be served in the large Exhibit Hall.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE is always a convention highlight. Dr. E. Franklin Jackson of John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C., will be in charge of this very meaningful service Saturday morning.

PRAYER is vital to a successful convention. Following the individual Prayer Vigil from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on July 2, the Pre-Convention Service of Prayer at 4:15 will be led by Dr. James DeForest Murch of Chevy Chase, Maryland. A Prayer Room will be open throughout the convention for use by delegates.

HAWAIIAN AND MEXICAN delegates are expected in Washington. Many delegates will don costumes representative of their home area, making this a very colorful convention.

JUNIORS will be interested in their special activities period each morning and the Junior Convention Saturday 9:45 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

EXCELLENT MUSIC is always a convention plus and Washington will be no exception. Delegates will be given the opportunity to sing in the choir, which will provide music at evening sessions. An outdoor hymn sing on the front lawn is scheduled following the Wednesday evening session. Of course, there will be lots of good singing throughout the convention.

FELLOWSHIP is another convention bonus. Staying at one hotel and eating many meals together will give delegates a number of opportunities to get better acquainted and make new friends.

ECONOMICAL TOURS to many places of interest in and near the Nation's Capital are being scheduled by the Capital Area Convention Committee. Plans include a pre-convention tour to Mount Vernon on July 2 with a special service at the Christian Endeavor Tree.

PARADE POSITIONS and choice convention seats will be determined by union standings at the close of the Registration Contest June 14. Top unions at the end of March, based on percentage of minimum goal attained, are: Hawaii, 30%; North Carolina, 20%; Texas, 18%; Oregon, 16%; Pennsylvania, 15.2%; New York, 14%; and Ohio, 11%.

THE CONVENTION BANQUET with Joan Pyle of Holland, Michigan, in charge of festivities will be Friday evening. Delegates will enjoy this as part of the "package plan."

"PACKAGE PLAN" rates for delegates cover hotel accommodations Tuesday through Saturday nights, July 2-6, and all breakfasts and all dinners Wednesday through Saturday. Rate for dormitory style (four to a room) is $42.50 per person; double or twin room, $52.80 per person; single occupancy, $63.10. All registered delegates will receive special hotel reservation cards.

USE THIS REGISTRATION BLANK

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Please register me for Washington 1963. I enclose $4 (after June 30, 1963, fee is $5).

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I am a member of the _____ Christian Endeavor Society or Youth Fellowship.

Local Union _____ State Union _____

My present responsibility in Christian Endeavor is _____

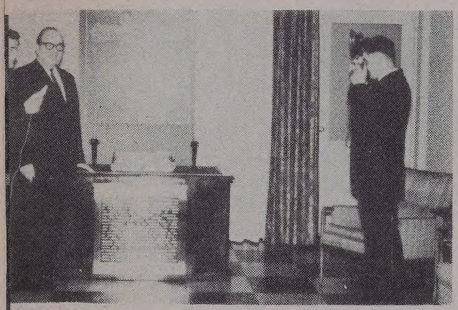
Age (if under 25) _____ Over 25, check here ☐

Registration secured by _____

NEWS AND VIEWS

• A TRIP TO THE CONGO following a tour of Europe was a thrilling experience for Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Jeffery, who left the middle of March and will return to the United States early in May. In the Congo they visited eight Baptist mission stations including the area where their daughter, Mrs. Wesley Brown, and her husband are serving. Mr. Jeffery is general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

• VACATIONING IN MAINE? Plan to include a visit to Williston Congregational Church in Portland, the birthplace of Christian Endeavor.



AN AUDIO-VISUAL presentation for use in Germany is being prepared by Manfred Kohl (left) and Johannes Woetzel. On a recent all-day visit to Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, these German Endeavorers took color slides of the building and various historical items and recorded comments by Harold Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society.

• A TOTAL OF 1,377 DELEGATES registered for the Oregon Convention in Tillamook March 21-24. Jerald Savin was re-elected President.

GOLDEN RULE Endeavorers at the 82nd anniversary banquet at Zion Baptist Church February 1 enjoyed a wonderful evening planned by a committee which included (left to right) Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Bessie Underwood, Joseph A. Barnes, chairman, Mrs. Gerald L. Howard, Dorothy Mingo, Mrs. Elaine Clarke, Tyrone Edwards, and Dolly Littaker. Speaker was Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania. Miss Littaker was named "Miss Christian Endeavor" in a popularity vote.

• ANOTHER NEW ZEALAND TOUR for Australian youth is now under way. The party left Sydney April 20 and will return May 12. Youth will conduct meetings in various areas as well as enjoying sight-seeing.

• LAWRENCE R. DEAL of Groton, Massachusetts, has been named vice-president in charge of the New England Region of the International Society, to complete the unexpired term of Rev. Willard E. Thomen, who is now in Hawaii.

• RECENT DEATHS in the Christian Endeavor family include Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones of Wilmington, Delaware; J. B. MacDannald of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Phil C. Reed of Washington, D.C.; Charles Sumner Mumma, father of Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows; and Robert Bruce Faulk, director of Christ's Cloistered Crusaders for the Pennsylvania Union. May the Comforter be near to the families and loved ones of these faithful Christians.

• AUSTRALIAN ENDEAVORERS are participating in a citizenship contest called "The H. F. Jullien Christian Citizenship Activity." This is patterned after the International Society's Christian Citizenship Awards Program. Entries must be completed by September 30. Cash awards of £20 each will be made to the winners of both the Intermediate and the Young People's grades.

DENNIS D. ROTH (pictured here with his wife) is currently serving as president of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union. A graduate of South High School in Denver, Mr. Roth is active in First Reformed Church. In April he took a vacation from his work to hunt tigers and cheetah in Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan.

ALABAMA ENDEAVORERS from Greenpond Presbyterian Church posed before a Christian Endeavor poster on their 80-mile round trip to the state Birthday Rally.

FUN TIME during the Minnesota Mid-winter Workshop in Duluth received an enthusiastic reception. Dr. Louis Evan Welsh, chaplain of Wheaton College, was the main speaker.

Texas Junior Highs Win Awards

New honors have been given to the Junior High Christian Endeavor Society of Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. In special ceremonies February 22 at Valley Forge they received a principal award in the Spiritual Values category of the annual Freedoms Foundation Awards. An encased George Washington Honor Medal and a check for $500 were presented to Mary Moffitt, society sponsor, by Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, D.D., minister of National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., and a Freedoms Foundation director.

The award was given for a study of Communism which took fourth place honors in Chritian Endeavor's 1962 Citizenship Awards Program. This group of 42 Junior High youth was cited "for a program planned and carried out by a group of concerned teen-agers to study the dangers of Communism, to encourage action in Christian citizenship, and to emphasize the fact that 'this nation under God shall not perish.'" Their purposes were accomplished through research and study, a poster contest, distribution of literature, and a rededication to Christian principles.

Society president during the project period was Saundra Marshall; Mary Frances McDonald was church activity committee chairman. Rev. A. A. Harman is minister of the church. The society plans to give a tithe of the cash awards received, which total $575, to the church, using the balance toward the cost of sending delegates to the International Convention in Washington.

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MARCH 1963 HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1963 Society Roll Call.

Organizations listed below contributed during the month of March. Those receiving gold seals have contributed $50 or more; red seals represent a gift of $30; and blue seals, a contribution of $15.

Gold Seal

Senior High, Mt. Olivet United Brethren in Christ Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia

Red Seal

First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Blue Seal

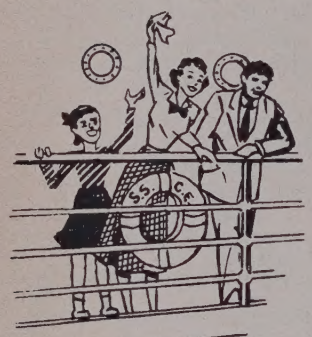
Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California
District of Columbia Alumni Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
Senior, Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Sangamon County Union, Springfield, Illinois
Senior High, First Christian Church, Crown Point, Indiana
Senior, Terrace Park General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana
Sebree General Baptist Church, Sebree, Kentucky
Bark Hill Church of God, Union Bridge, Maryland
First Reformed Church, Detroit, Michigan
Senior High, Logan Memorial Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey
Trinity A.M.E. Church, Bridgeton, New Jersey
Varick, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey
Teenage, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron, Pennsylvania
St. Jacob's (Stone) Church, Brodbecks, Pennsylvania
Adult, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Bethel Evangelical United Brethren Church, Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Senior, Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
West Grove Presbyterian Church, West Grove, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Senior, Berean Christian Church, Houston, Texas
Adult, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia
Violet Hill, The United Church of Canada, Shelburne, Ontario, Canada

Two blue seal societies were incorrectly listed in the April issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Correct listings are:

Intermediate, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Junior, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania

An Alternate Topic

by W. Bruce McLeran



—SHIP AHOY!

Here is a ship-shape Christian Endeavor meeting based on The Christian Endeavor Pledge to be presented in a nautical style. It may be used in place of a regular topic and may help to add new interest and variety to your weekly Christian Endeavor meeting.

PREPARATION

Draw and cut out life preservers that are three feet in diameter. These can be made from white or brown wrapping paper with S.S.C.E. lettered on the top of each. Tape several life preservers on the walls of your Christian Endeavor meeting room. Cut out of white paper two inch wide bands and tape or staple the ends together to make simple sailor caps for each one taking part in the meeting.

In the center aisle leading from the front row of chairs, make a double row of about four chairs on each side (back to back) with just enough space to walk between them. String a piece of rope through the backs of the chairs to make a handrail. Borrow a two inch by twelve inch plank, ten feet long, from a painter or builder. Place it, raised about three inches off the floor, between the chairs for a gangplank.

THE MEETING

The leader should welcome everyone to the good ship Christian Endeavor and call on the Chanteymaster to lead the opening song service. The ship's Chaplain will follow with a time of prayer. The leader should then call on the Skipper (President) for announcements. After the offering is received by the Cabin Boys (ushers) the leader will begin to introduce the topic.

The Scripture lesson for the meeting is Matthew 7:24-28. The leader should compare this parable of the house built upon the sand and the house built upon the rock with the kind of life that many teen-agers are living today. He should stress the fact that many are living on the shifting and undependable sands of material life and gain. He should point out that life can only be secure and sure if it is built on the solid Rock, which is Christ. The leader's remarks should then lead into the Christian Endeavor Pledge which help young people to build their lives on the solid Rock. Nine young people will be needed to present nine parts of the Pledge. Each should be asked to give a three minute talk on a particular phrase of the Christian Endeavor Pledge. The assignments should be made at least two weeks before the time of the meeting. The thought-starters listed below will help to give each one a beginning. Urge each one participating to present his part in his own words and not to read it. Nothing will kill a meeting quicker than to read the topic.

THOUGHT-STARTERS

The thought-starters are based on form 3 of the Christian Endeavor Pledge and can be adapted for use with the pledge form that your society uses.

1. The Pilot: *Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength . . .*" What it really means to *Trust.* To trust in *Him.* The necessity to *know* Him, His teachings, His way, His blessings, inner peace and confidence.

2. The Navigator: "*I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do.*" What does this mean in our living? With others? In school? In making decisions?

3. First Mate: "*. . . I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible . . .*" The help in our lives given by a daily Quiet Hour. The value of using the *Daily Bible Readings* printed in each issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, as well as other devotional guides and books.

4. Bosun: "*. . . to support the work and worship of my church . . .*" What does this mean to us as young people in the life of the church? As examples to others? In our personal growth?

5. Second Mate: "*. . . and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society . . .*" The need for growing in responsibility. The learn-by-doing method. Encourage those who are less experienced at leading.

6. Third Mate: "*. . . I will seek to bring others to Christ . . .*" This is one of the most important goals in our Christian Endeavor Pledge. This is witnessing in a vital way.

7. The Steward: "*. . . to give as I can for the spread of the kingdom . . .*" We need to learn the importance of giving to others. We all have a strategic part in the advancement of the cause of Christ.

8. Chanteymaster: "*. . . to advance my country's welfare, and promote the Christian brotherhood of man . . .*" What is Christian brotherhood? Are we interested in Christian citizenship?

9. Captain: "*. . . These things I will do unless hindered by conscientious reasons; and in them all I will seek the Saviour's guidance . . .*" This is the most important phrase of the entire Christian Endeavor Pledge. The only way we can expect to live the Christian life is to seek His guidance.

CONCLUSION

The leader will thank the crew for their help as the voyage nears an end. The Cabin Boys should distribute wallet size Christian Endeavor Pledge cards to those present. The leader should challenge each one to sign the Pledge. Pledge cards in the various forms are available from the Publishing Department of Christian Endeavor International at 35c a dozen.

Close the voyage with a hymn of consecration followed by the Mizpah Benediction.

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Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

The Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31,32; Acts 2:41,4:4;5:14

(Pentecost Sunday)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 1:1,2
Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up*
Scripture: Matthew 13:31,32
Acts 2:41;4:4;5:14
Silent Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Love Divine*
Topic: The Mustard Seed
Hymn: *Spirit of God*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

For the Leader

You will need three people to present this topic because this is a dialogue. You need one person to read the part of the *narrator*. That person can be either a boy or a girl. Then you need two boys to read the other two parts. The narrator introduces the subject and provides for transition and explanation. The boys will speak in conversation back and forth to each other; this is a dialogue (two-speaking). The narrator should stand off to one side, but *Steve* and *Doug* should stand up front to read their parts.

Publicity

Make a poster showing a mustard seed, a picture of a church, and a globe with the caption *from a small beginning in Jerusalem to every nation of the world.*

Invitations can be made on construction paper or 3 by 5 cards with a mustard seed in a capsule attached. Gelatin capsules can be gotten from the drug store. Put the same caption as on the poster. Remember to put the time, place, and date.

The Dialogue

NARRATOR: Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost was the day when the disciples and 109 other people were praying, and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit can't be seen with our eyes today, but on that day the Holy Spirit came with a noise of wind, and appeared above the heads of all 120 people like a tongue of fire. The Holy Spirit gave all those people courage and strength to witness. When they left the upper room where they had been meeting, many went to far-away towns telling people of Jesus Christ the Saviour. The Church began to grow. It grew from the size of a mustard seed into a great bush. That is, it grew from a tiny group into a great multitude.

Two boys heard their Sunday school teacher tell about this. The one was from a Christian home. The other had just started coming to Sunday school and Christian Endeavor. He hadn't heard much about this before, so when the two boys were walking home they began to talk about it again. Listen to what they said.

STEVE: Say, did you ever visit the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.?

DOUG: You mean, that building where the Army, Navy, and Air Force have their main headquarters?

STEVE: Yeh; it looks funny doesn't it? It's kind of like five buildings all end-to-end in a circle.

DOUG: It also looks like one building with five sides and a hole in the middle.

STEVE: You know, when the Sunday school teacher was talking about Pentecost being five ten-day pieces of time, it reminded me of the Pentagon, and its five sides.

DOUG: That was interesting wasn't it; about the word coming from the Greek and all.

STEVE: Sort of; but I don't know much about the Greeks, and I know even less about the Bible. I hope that teacher doesn't start asking me questions like he asked you. I'd be sunk for sure.

DOUG: Don't worry. We have quite a head start on you; remember that, and you'll be alright.

STEVE: Since you got that head start, maybe you can tell me what the Old Testament Pentecost's have to do with the New Testament Pentecost. I never heard of an Old Testament Pentecost before.

DOUG: Well it wasn't the same, but just as Jesus' death took place fifty days before the giving of the Holy Spirit, so the Old Testament celebration of the death of the Passover lamb took place fifty days before the Old Testament celebration of the Feast of the Weeks.

STEVE: Hey, wait a minute! Try that again. You lost me in the Old Testament.

DOUG: Well, the Hebrew people (Jews) were in Egypt for four hundred years. The night they left, Moses told them to kill a lamb, sprinkle the blood on the door frame, and eat the lamb after it was cooked. So when the Hebrews got to Palestine they made this a yearly celebration and called it the Passover. Once they were in Palestine God told Moses to begin two other celebrations; one was to take place fifteen days after the Passover, and it was to celebrate the beginning of harvest. The other was to take place fifty days after Passover, and it was to celebrate the end of the harvest season. (See Leviticus 23:16.)

STEVE: I see; that celebration on the fiftieth day was kind of like our Thanksgiving, because our Thanksgiving is a celebration of the end of our harvest season in the United States.

DOUG: See now, Pentecost really means fiftieth day, because it happened fifty days after Jesus death on the cross.

STEVE: But what you are really saying then, is that the only thing the same about the Old Testament and the New Testament Pentecost is that they both happened on the "fiftieth day."

DOUG: No, not quite. Remember what the teacher said. Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover along with thousands of other Jews like himself. It was on that day that the Jews killed

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Jesus by putting him on the cross. All those people who had come from other countries saw it, and when they got home they all told their friends.

STEVE: Oh, I believe I get the picture. You check me if I'm wrong. So all those people who had been at the Passover would probably come back and celebrate that other feast fifty days later. And it was these same people who heard Peter preach that great Pentecostal sermon. They had seen Jesus die, so they could now go back home and tell their friends that the Jesus who died, actually went to heaven and sent his Holy Spirit to continue the work.

DOUG: You're right. You see, Jesus spent about forty days on earth after he arose from the dead. Then he ascended to heaven, and ten days later he sent the Holy Spirit into that room full of 120 people who had gathered to wait. That makes fifty days; Pentecost.

STEVE: So that was the beginning of the growth of the Church. It started out small like a grain of mustard seed, and now it's big like a tree.

DOUG: Yes, with millions of Christians making up its branches today.

NARRATOR: Steve and Doug had only covered two blocks on their way back home. Their conversation had slowed them down. Now, suddenly the conversation shifted. They were distracted. One was a blond and the other was a brunette. Janet sat just ahead of Doug in English. The conversation moved to the girls. They had been in the girls Sunday school class.

DOUG: Hey, who's that with Janet?

STEVE: That's the girl that was dressed like a bunny at the masquerade party the other night. She moved in from Omaha last week. Her father works for Morgan Products.

DOUG: How come you know so much about her?

STEVE: She lives down the street from our house.

DOUG: Let's catch up with them. I'd like to know what grade Janet got on that English test we had on Thursday.

STEVE: Nah, not me. I don't want to talk with them today. Let's wait until some other time.

NARRATOR: Steve had thrown a wet blanket on Doug's idea. Doug was now quiet. Steve still felt a little strange among Doug's friends. He was still sort of an outsider to all of Doug's church friends, and he wanted to take it slow; no one could really blame him for that. Now, while walking in silence, Steve's find returned to the mustard seed and the gift of the Holy Spirit that made the mustard seed grow.

STEVE: You know, the teacher told us today that we too could have that Holy Spirit. What could that Holy Spirit do for my father?

DOUG: I don't know. He is so bloomin anti-religious, it's almost too late.

STEVE: If you hadn't seen my father when he was drunk, I'd never have told you; even now I don't want you to tell anyone, but what do you think can be done for my father?

DOUG: Why don't you call the minister, he'd be glad to come over and talk with him.

STEVE: Oh, man no. If he ever found out I'd called the minister, he'd beat me, I know.

DOUG: Then I'll tell the minister to go see him sometime. Okay?

STEVE: Even if you did get the minister to come over, what good would it do? Once when I was going to another Sunday school the minister came, but my Dad wouldn't even let him in the house.

DOUG: It could be different this time.

STEVE: I doubt it. He's been going from bad to worse. Mom has to work to keep us in food. Sometimes Dad doesn't even come home at night. His business is getting worse too.

DOUG: Maybe, if things get bad enough he will realize he needs help. Then what the minister says may be of help.

STEVE: But the trouble is that this has been going on for years already.

DOUG: You know Steve, I'm not very religious. Some of my vocabulary and my stories aren't so clean; but I believe God answers prayer, and I believe that if we pray, God will put the Holy Spirit to work in your Dad's life.

STEVE: You mean you think the Holy Spirit can do what we can't do.

DOUG: That's what our teacher said, didn't he?

STEVE: You mean that God answers the prayers of sinners?

DOUG: Not all of them, no. And sometimes I know he doesn't answer because we are not worthy. There is a verse in the Bible that reads, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

STEVE: You mean, the Holy Spirit really works in people; changes them; makes them leave their past; and start all over anew again?

DOUG: Right, just like the Sunday school teacher said.

STEVE: Well, if you think it will do some good let's pray about this in our Quiet Hour.

DOUG: O.K. I'll do it. Here's my house, see you tomorrow.

STEVE: So long.

NARRATOR: Perhaps, most of us have never been involved in a conversation like that which took place between Doug and Steve. But isn't there something wrong when young people don't invite others to their church, or talk about the things they believe, and try to put them into practice?

You wonder what happened to Steve's father. Was he saved from his alcoholism through the operation of the Holy Spirit or wasn't he? Did God answer the prayers of Doug and Steve? The answer is: "Not yet," but Christians don't stop seeking the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible to you" (Matthew 17:20).

The mustard seed grows into quite a large bush, but only with sunshine and rain. The church, too, grows, but only when the Holy Spirit shines upon it with strength and power. The power of the Spirit is so great that it can keep men from the paths of degrading sin, but it can also lift the fallen from the mirey clay of sinfulness.

Do you wait upon the Holy Spirit? Does the Holy Spirit give you strength and courage to stand up in the face of temptation? If you do not, remember the promise of Isaiah, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 27 The Church Begins in Jerusalem Acts 2:1-12

T. May 28 The Church Spreads to Samaria Acts 8:5-8

W. May 29 An Ethopian Accepts Chirst Acts 8:27-39

T. May 30 The Islands Hear of Christ Acts 13:4-12

F. May 31 Antioch Hears the Gospel Acts 13:14-16

S. June 1 Europe Hears the Gospel Acts 16:10-13

Sun. June 2—Topic: The Mustard Seed Matthew 13:31,32; Acts 2:41;4:4;5:14 (Pentecost Sunday)

Comments by Rev. Darrell Franken, former general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union, and presently a minister in the Reformed Church of America preparing for work on the mission field

Topic 2 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

Our Growing Church

Acts 13:1-3

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Song Service: *I Love to Tell the Story; Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
Scripture Reading
Prayer Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Sentence Prayers: (Invite each one to take part)
Special Music
Offering and Announcements
Topic Presentation
Closing Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

Here are some ideas for a novel meeting which you, as leader, can develop for this particular topic. You may not use all the suggestions and, better still, you might think of some clever ideas of your own. However, to get started, you might:

1. Advertise this in your church and Sunday school as a *Where in the World* meeting. Make and distribute little paper worlds which raise a question on the front and give the details on the back.

2. Dress one of your young people in a native costume of some country you'll mention in your meeting and have him or her invite the young people in Sunday school to your Christian Endeavor meeting.

3. Check with your pastor as to the various missions your church or denomination supports and then assign several young people to discuss the work in these areas. The material may be secured from your denominational headquarters or mission boards. The person speaking might wear the native dress of the area she represents.

4. Have a large map of the world in the front of your meeting room. As the various mission fields of your church are mentioned, you could attach a small Christian flag or a small Christian sticker to that section of the world.

5. Select hymns in keeping with the theme:

Give of Your Best to the Master
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
I Love to Tell the Story
I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

6. You could divide the following topic headings among three or four people and have each present one idea.

What Is the Church?

Not a building or a meeting place, but a body of consecrated believers, this is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ which He "purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). It is composed of human beings who have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and have banded together for mutual strengthening, information, and comfort. Paul compares the Church to a city of which each Christian is a fully privileged citizen; to a family of which each Christian is a member; to a temple in which each believer is a living stone (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Sometimes young people try to get away from the church because they feel that it restricts their activities and interferes with their freedom. They rebel against its doctrines, its standards and its teachings. They look at it as a prison rather than a place of security. But to the sincere, thoughtful young person, the church, though setting limits on human behaviour, offers much greater freedom with security than any other human organization. This, of course, is true, for we read Paul's advice to the Galatian Church as he says in Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." In John 8:31 and 32 Christ says, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

A ship was bringing some gayly colored birds from the tropics to North America. On the way north one little bird escaped from its cage and mounted joyfully up into the air, circled the ship and then soared off until out of sight. The sailors thought that they had lost this lovely bird but several hours later it appeared again and sank wearily on the deck of the ship. It had found no land and now allowed the sailors to pick it up and put it back in its cage. Before it had considered the cage a prison; now it was a refuge.

There is no substitute for the Church anywhere on earth. If there were no churches, where would people learn of God's plan of salvation? Where would they get help in studying the Bible? Where would they worship and have fellowship with other believers? Where could they find people who would pray with and for them? Where could they be strengthened in their Christian testimony and trained to serve Christ and His Church?

How Does the Church Grow?

As people grow in the understanding of God's will for their lives, so the Church grows. You see, God has laid down certain very specific ways in which a Christian must live and certain very specific responsibilities which a Christian must assume. Christ says in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then Scripture tells us that His disciples "straightway left their nets and followed Him." As you follow Christ in every phase of your life, so that you imitate Him and become like Him, you cause the Church to grow. By your life and your testimony you witness to others who, through the working of the Holy Spirit, are then led to accept Christ

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and become new members of His Church. You really become missionaries and this is what every Christian should be.

In Matthew 28:19 and 20 Jesus says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

With this command and this promise in their hearts, Christian missionaries from the time of the early Church until today have gone forth to build a dedicated, growing church in their own communities, in their own country, in all the world. They have gone to people of all colors, races, and conditions in the face of all hardships, deprivations, scorn, and ridicule because the Lord has commanded them. So the Christian Church has encircled the globe.

How Do Young People Fit In?

Christ has not set any age limit on who can or cannot be a missionary. However, in order to teach and preach the Gospel as the Lord commanded, you have to feel and know what you're talking about.

So first of all you must love Christ and know Him as your personal Saviour. You must have come to Him, confessed your sins and asked Him to come into your heart and direct your life.

Then you must learn of God's Word, or as the Bible says in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

You certainly wouldn't think much of a doctor or a surgeon who would attempt to help a patient without knowing the human anatomy or without having studied how to diagnose and how to cure illnesses. So as a young missionary in training, you must study God's Word so that you might help those who suffer from spiritual illnesses.

While you are studying, the Holy Spirit directs your thinking and you may find that a special call has come to you to actively answer God's command to, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

But whether we go or whether we witness here at home, each of us has a responsibility to pray daily for the work of Christ's Church that it might grow and win many for His service. Along with praying we must also give for the spread of His Kingdom by the missionaries around the world. Don't be a penny-pinching Christian. As the Lord has prospered you, give freely for the spread of the Gospel.

The Bishop of Croydon in *"What Is This Christianity"* relates this incident. A Nigerian missionary arrived at a communion service in which four towns were combining, and heard an African addressing the crowded church: "I cannot tell you the gladness that is in my heart today. As I walked along the path with the other members from my town I saw that each man held in his hand his Testament and his hymnbook. No man carried a cutlass or a gun. No man walked with fear; every man walked with faith in you. And yet it is but four years ago that no man from my town would have walked through your town without a cutlass in his hands, and even then he would not have walked alone. Nor would any man from your town have come unharmed through ours. What is the reason for this difference? At that time we worshipped the same gods as you did. Today we worship the same God as you do, but the God we worship today is a God of peace. We have learned that He is our Father, and that we are brothers."

What Can Your Society Do?

Discuss this idea of the growing church in your monthly business meeting and you might come up with ten good suggestions in addition to these:

1. Organize a prayer chain. Get the names of missionaries and the field where each is working. These can be secured from your pastor, from your denomination, from Christian Endeavorers and from other missionaries. Begin this week by praying for the Rev. Mr. James D. Isaac, Christian Endeavor missionary in India. Next week add the name of another missionary and at the end of the year you will be remembering fifty-two missionaries in your prayers. They need prayers and will notice the impact of prayer in their work.

2. Help support one or two missionaries. Keep in contact with him through letters and send a regular contribution toward his work. One high school society supports a clean baby which is kept in an orphanage until its parents, who are suffering from leprosy, are cured and released.

3. Plan a small missionary affair to which your society might invite another society or parents or church members. Present the need for missions; tell a bit about the missionaries your church does or might support and close with light refreshments, like tea and almond cookies from a Chinese store. Then end with a prayer circle.

4. Plan a visit to some of your local or nearby missions. Find out how your society might help, if you are interested in doing something positive in nurturing the growing church.

5. Read thoughtfully the well-known hymn *O Zion, Haste.*

6. Begin a missionary library in your society or church. Some of the books are fascinating and some exceedingly helpful in knowing what it takes to be a missionary. These books can be purchased for as little as $.39 (plus postage) from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, denominational book stores, and mission publishing houses. Appoint a librarian and circulate these stories among your members. These could open new horizons to your members and might lead to an interesting meeting at some later time.

Some suggested books are:

Medical Missionaries You Would Like to Know, by Dorothy C. Haskin

Fifty Missionary Heroes Every Boy and Girl Should Know, by Julia H. Johnson

Ten Boys Who Became Famous Missionaries, by Basil Miller

How I Found God's Will for My Life, by John Sigsworth

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 3 The Church Grows during Persecution Acts 16:22-33

T. June 4 The Church Grows through Giving II Corinthians 8:1-5

W. June 5 The Church Overcomes Idolatry Acts 19:23-27

T. June 6 The Church in Rome Acts 28:30,31

F. June 7 The Message of the Church I Corinthians 15:1-4

S. June 8 The Head of the Church Philippians 2:5-11

Sun. June 9—Topic: Our Growing Church Acts 13:1-3

Comments by Frances M. Becker, an active worker in Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor and assistant director of Child Care Centers of the Philadelphia Public Schools

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Topic 3 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

The Andrew Club

John 1:40-42

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Saved To Tell Others*
Hymn: *We've A Story To Tell To The Nations*
Prayer: by the Leader
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Scripture Reading: John 1:40-42
Prayer: First is silence; each one praying for one (or more) who does not know Christ as Saviour. This might be followed with sentence prayers, the leader closing with an appropriate spoken prayer.
Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Announcements
Offering and Offertory Prayer
Special Music
Introduction of Topic by Leader
Buzz Groups
Summary
Enlistment
Closing Hymn: *Saved To Tell Others*
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

Publicize, advertise, broadcast, invite; make it known to the Junior Highs of your town that there is to be a meeting for *them.* Get permission to put up posters in your church building and even in your school. Some mysterious A's on walls, or perhaps floors, will attract attention. Pictures of *clubs* (golf-clubs, policemen's, etc.) might also attract. Be sure the date and time are announced in connection with these posters. In many areas where this topic will be used, Christian Endeavor will be competing with the study for final exams. Plan a meeting worth attending. Even the title *The Andrew Club* is thought-provoking.

For the Leader and Counselor

This is a perfect opportunity to inspire and train Christian young people to win another, or others, for Christ. Build the whole meeting toward the challenge of *each one win one.* In advance, make or secure some *A's* that can be worn by both boys and girls. At the close of the meeting, present each one who is willing to be a part of the Andrew Club with an *A.* This serves as a reminder as well as giving him a conversation piece, making possible an opportunity to explain to someone why he is wearing it. Perhaps a *WA* would be preferred for *win another,* or any other idea that has reason and meaning behind it.

Topic Introduction

Give a few minutes talk on the topic for the evening. The reading and study of the *Daily Bible Readings* beforehand should prove very helpful. Tell a bit about Andrew.

He was Peter's younger brother, and worked with him in the fishing business in Capernaum. Before meeting Jesus, he was a great admirer of John the Baptist. He saw Jesus baptized. He was much impressed by Jesus, and soon followed Him. He is known as the first Apostle. He then went and told his brother, Peter, about Jesus and brought Peter to Him.

He was the one who brought the lad with the five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus when the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 was performed.

Because of the little Scripture written about Andrew, it indicates that he must have truly been a humble man. Peter comes to the foreground, and Andrew slips to the background. Writers indicate that Andrew became a great preacher of the Gospel. He made missionary journeys into Greece and then northward into Scythia, which later became a part of Russia. That is why he became the patron saint of the Russian Orthodox Church.

It is said that he was crucified in what is now a portion of Greece. He would not compromise his convictions and offer incense to the gods, so the proconsul ordered him to die upon a cross. It was an X shaped cross, and ever since it is known as St. Andrew's cross. This form of a cross is seen on or in many Greek churches.

To the Leader

Divide the group into three Buzz sections. Each section should select a leader and a secretary or scribe. Give each group a title, Scripture to read, points to discuss, and a practical means of application. They are to report their discussion and findings to the total group after about 10-15 minutes time.

Buzz Group I

TITLE: *The Command*
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 1:16-18
POINTS TO DISCUSS:
What is our commission?
Who gave it to us?
What does it mean to be fishers of men?
What if no one accepts the commission?
When did the disciples accept Jesus' command?
What can we do about it now?
Does it apply to us today?
Prepare a list of young people who might be interested in hearing more about Christ.

Buzz Group II

TITLE: *The March*
SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 3:18, 19; Isaiah 6:5-10
POINTS TO DISCUSS:
What is Ezekiel telling us?
How successful will we be when we accept the Lord's command and tell others about Him?
When we tell another about Christ and His saving power, what is our most important weapon or tool?
Must we understand the Lord completely?
Prepare a list of young people that individual members of the society could talk to about Christ.

Buzz Group III

TITLE: *The Reward*
SCRIPTURE: Daniel 12:2, 3; Romans 10:13-15

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POINTS TO DISCUSS:

How will our decisions tonight affect the people described in the second and third verses of Daniel?

When life is over, how will we account for those we have and have not won for Him? What *one* excuse will be accepted?

What reward is there?

Prepare a list of young people and adults for whom individuals and the total society might pray.

Summary

Following the report of each of the three Buzz groups, the following questions might be asked the total group.

1. Who did Andrew first win? What does that say to us?
2. How can we help our church to grow in number? In spirit?
3. Now that we know Christ's call and His commission, what next?
4. If Judgment Day were now, who could we report that we've brought to the Lord?
5. Dare you say, "Lord, send me!". What might it cost you?

The Enlistment

At this point, have a period of silent prayer, where it is suggested that each one seek forgiveness for past failures, and strength to act upon the commission the Lord has made so real to him. Ask those willing to accept Christ's commission, to come forward, each one receiving his A. If possible, have the pastor present. Have him, or the counselor, lead in a prayer dedicating these promises to God. Offer guidance and any assistance necessary to those accepting this commission. Have names of pastor and other adults to suggest to these young people for counsel and help. Conclude with a hymn and benediction.

Illustration

As a gentleman walked in a city one day he saw a young boy carrying a baby in his arms. The baby was so big the little fellow was staggering under the weight.

The gentleman stopped along side the two, and said "The baby's heavy for you, isn't he?" He really pitied him with such a heavy load. The little boy looked up at the man, and said, "He's not heavy, he's my brother!".

The scales would surely have said the baby was heavy, but there is another sort of scales. They are the scales of love!

Love makes labor light and easy. When we find it hard to do what Jesus wants us to do, let's remember how He loved us, and gave His life on the Cross for us. Remember, too, that Andrew first found his own brother. This was an evidence of sincere love.

Role Playing

A. Have two young people play the part of an indifferent parent and a dedicated young person concerned with his parent's future.

B. Use two young people, one playing the part of a "hood." The other tries to explain the consequences of a reckless and un-Godly life.

C. Have one try to prove another wrong who says "There is no God!"

D. Choose one to demonstrate graciously how to give a personal testimony before a mixed group of Christians and non-Christians.

Follow-up Activities for Committees

This is an important time to activate the lookout committee. All the members of this committee should be a part of the Andrew Club. Don't close shop completely in the summer. Give opportunity for worship and fellowship together as Christian Endeavorers.

The devotional committee should take a good look at itself. Will the meetings planned interest those who come? Are you meeting in advance with your leaders to assure good planning and presentation of topics?

The social committee might plan an appropriate Christian Endeavor sponsored social to attract others. Publicize it well. Close with a brief devotional service. Demonstrate that Christian Endeavor enjoys fun and a good time.

The missionary committee ought to be good members of the Andrew Club. They should be constantly preaching Christ themselves. In addition they should report to the society what is being accomplished on the foreign field by missionaries, known or unknown to the group.

The church activity committee will find many ways to assist in the church at this season of the year. Be sure to have plans and arrangements cleared with the proper officers in the church. Begin by approaching the pastor.

One church reports the problem in the past of having committee chairmen, but no committees under them, and therefore no planning meetings of committees. This year a new system has been started, which has proved successful, at least to the point of being an improvement. First of all, all society members have been assigned to a committee. Then on one particular Sunday a month, the meeting is called for one half hour earlier than usual. The regular program begins then. The last half hour is assigned to committee meetings only. Counselors and pastor can circulate during this period. If you have had the same problem, give this method a try.

Guidance for Counselors

If Junior Highs take this topic seriously, they will leave the meeting spiritually burdened, knowing they must tell others about Jesus, their Saviour, but not knowing quite how.

Talk with the pastor in advance, arranging for him, for yourself, or some capable person, to meet with the young people who accept this challenge.

Secure in advance some helpful literature from the International Society of Christian Endeavor at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Such inexpensive leaflets as: *How To Win Youth* and *Taking Others Along* will be helpful.

Set a date the week following the presentation of this meeting when the young people can meet with the adult chosen. He can answer questions, advise them on ways of winning others for Christ, and point out *dos and don'ts*. He should pray with these young people and emphasize the importance of their own prayer in behalf of this commission. Give them particular Scripture verses helpful in dealing with new Christians.

In order to be of maximum help, assign them one particular person, or persons, for whom they are to pray and with whom they are to talk in the next week to ten days. Make use of the three Buzz Groups. Each one, whether joining the Andrew Club or not, should have an assignment of prayer for someone. This prayer may include those joining the Club as well as prospects. Have them report back at the end of this period, either individually or as a group. Some will be enthusiastic and report that results have taken place. Others will be in doubt, discouraged, or wondering how they failed. Still others will be fighting fear. Meet each one on his own problem level, giving each the attention, praise, and encouragement needed. Meet again and again as necessary.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 10 Our Commission Matthew 28:19,20
T. June 11 Fishers of Men Mark 1:16-18
W. June 12 A Solemn Responsibility Ezekiel 3:18,19
T. June 13 Stars in My Crown Daniel 12:2,3
F. June 14 "How Shall They Hear?" Romans 10:13-15
S. June 15 Lord, Send Me Isaiah 6:5-10
Sun. June 16—Topic: The Andrew Club John 1:40-42

Comments by Pearl F. Reed, director of Christian Endeavor and church secretary of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship

How to Become a Juvenile Delinquent

Luke 15:11:24

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Prayer (by leader or sponsor)
Flag Salute
Song: *America the Beautiful*
Christian Flag Salute (given below)
Hymn: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Scripture: II Timothy 3:1-5
Dramatization
Bible Search
Buzz Groups or Special Speaker
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

On a large poster put someone's finger-prints. Above them letter the word WANTED! Beneath the finger-prints write *Looking for the prodigal son? Come to Christian Endeavor tonight to find out who it is.* Be sure to put the *place, date,* and *time* on the poster. This idea could also be used to make individual cards to be mailed to prospective or absentee members. Use your lookout committee for this project.

For the Leader

This is the first topic in a series of two on Christian Citizenship. Have for your opening the salutes to the flags—National and Christian. The salute for the Christian flag is given below. If you do not have large flags in your church use small ones made of construction paper. CHRISTIAN FLAG SALUTE: *I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all Christians in service and in love.*

As each one comes in finger-print them using an ink pad and several small sheets of paper. Scotch tape these to posters which have been made beforehand to read: *Wanted the prodigal son who wants his own way; Wanted the prodigal son who spends money only on things to please himself; Wanted, the prodigal son who runs away from spiritual advice; Wanted, the prodigal son who is spiritually in need; Wanted, the prodigal son who is in dishonor.* (The word daughter could be put on some of these instead of son or placed just underneath of the word son on each poster.) Make other posters as you think of them.

Dramatize the story of the prodigal son. If you wish this might be a modern day version of the story. Read this story as found in Luke 15:11-24 in as many Bible translations as you can before writing the play. This can be done very effectively if you plan it carefully. Ask someone from your group who is good at planning an original skit. Or perhaps you and your counselor could work one out. There may be as many friends of the son and servants of the father as you wish to use. Use costumes if available or use whatever you have on hand.

Bible Search

Our Scripture for this topic is found in Luke 15:11-24 which was just dramatized for us. Let us now with our Bibles, search in this section of God's Word for a message. *Prepare this section thoroughly so you need not read the comments given with each verse but rather give them as your own. Add other comments to what is given from your own study of this section. If you have someone else do this portion, be sure they have had sufficient time to study it and are able to present it well. Each one should have a Bible to use. Give them a chance to answer the questions with each verse before you give the comment.* VERSE *11:* How many sons did the man have? There are portrayed two types of juvenile delinquents in this story. Heed the lesson from both of them for your own life.

VERSE *12:* Which son asked a favor? What was the favor? The property which the younger son asked for still belonged to his father and was to be disposed of at his choosing. This was the first step down for the prodigal, wanting his way or self-will.

What mistake did the father make here? The father did not have to divide his property just because the son had asked him to. Being pampered and getting what we want is a big step downward to delinquency. Be thankful if your parents restrain you.

VERSE *13:* How long after the younger son got his property did he decide to do something? Whether he had this idea before he asked his father we don't know but he probably couldn't have gone very far without the money. Too much money beyond your needs becomes temptation to wrong living when you are young. If your parents curtail your spending or ask you to put your earnings in a bank or savings be thankful. If they don't, remember this story of the prodigal son as a warning.

Where did the younger son go? A far country where no one knew him. No one was around to see him do the things he did. Young people need not always go to a far country to get away from knowing eyes. There is always a gang or group that away from church or home seem to give an o.k. to wrong doing. It is dangerous to separate yourself from that which is right and good.

What did he do with the money he had received? This shows how selfish the boy was. He spent every bit of it on his own wishes and desires. How do you use your money? Do you have plans for other things and other people besides yourself? Selfishness is another step toward delinquency. Christ tells us to put others first. Christians with Christ's help alone can do this. Remember, by nature we are selfish.

What type of living did the son do? King James Version says, *riotous living.* Phillips translation says, *squandered his wealth in the wildest extravagance.* And the Amplified says, *he wasted his fortune in reckless and loose-from-restraint living.* This is why it is dangerous to have more money than you need so young in life and why it is dangerous to be away from right influences. There are many things around today that satisfy only for a short time. This is what the prodigal spent his fortune on. It was pleasure for the moment but he had nothing to show for it but heartache and misery afterwards. Ask yourself before you enter into anything whether this will give long-lasting satisfaction or short term satisfaction with bitterness afterward. You

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don't always know. This is when you need to seek advice from others. Make sure it is someone who has high standards and knows God personally.

VERSE *14:* How much of his inheritance or fortune did he spend? It was completely gone. When once we let ourselves spend money like he did there is usually no stopping place until it is all gone. Uncontrolled living and spending always ends up in bankruptcy.

What happened in the country he was living in? Hard times came and he was unprepared for it. This can happen to those who are living recklessly spiritually and financially. If something happens and they need help spiritually they realize it is gone. We can't expect the Lord to give us all of our Spiritual inheritance at one time. He knows we need it day by day. Some days, the Lord gives us a little Spiritual blessing— He knows that is all we need or are able to use for that day. Other days we need more and He gives accordingly. He is a wise Father and we can depend upon Him to give us what we need. If we don't come to the Lord often we can expect to be like the prodigal son who when in need had none.

VERSE *15:* What did he do to help the situation? He forces himself upon one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his field to feed hogs. This was a desperate situation. No one was hiring anyone during the famine, so he forced himself to the lowest job there was. A few months earlier he wouldn't have considered doing anything this lowly and would have laughed at anyone who might suggest he do it. This is a rule we can always count on. Many young people have said, "I won't ever go that far in doing wrong." But they soon found out that one thing led to another until they were doing worse things than they had ever imagined.

VERSE *16:* He came to the point of wanting to eat what? He was wanting to stuff himself with what the pigs were eating and which couldn't satisfy him. He was desperate and starving, and was willing to fill his stomach with refuse.

Did he have any friends? Evidently not. No one gave him anything. What happened to all those friends who helped spend his money? Choose your friends carefully. They are real if they are concerned about you even though it doesn't help them. What kind of a friend are you? Do you think only of your friendship as a satisfaction to yourself?

VERSE *17:* This is the turning point in the boy's life. It seems that up to this time he didn't even realize he was in such a bad condition. This is the way Satan would blind our eyes to the wrong way in which we are living. He remembered friends and parents back home. He realized his situation. What was it he realized?

VERSE *18:* What did he decide to do? He had made up his mind and no one could change it. It takes real determination to turn from a life of wrong living and decide to go straight. Although his father was longing for him at home, he could do nothing until his son made his decision to go back. No one can help you until you decide to let them. God will not even force Himself upon us to gives us the help He wants to or that we need, until we recognize that we need it. Determination in life goes a long way. Make sure it is God directed and not self-directed.

What did the son recognize that he had done? The hardest words for anyone to say is that they have been wrong. God cannot accept us until we are repentant.

VERSE *19:* What position was the son willing to accept? This is true humility to accept a servant's place after having been a son.

VERSE *20, 21:* What did his father do? The Lord will meet us when we come to Him in the spirit of repentance.

VERSE *22:* What did the father get for him? The son did not look like a son in his ragged and dirty clothes. Christians are clothed with robes of righteousness that only God Himself can give us. Others will know then that we are children of God.

VERSES *23, 24:* Was there time spent in scolding the son for what he had done? All was forgiven because the son had come in true repentance. The son had been severely punished before he came back. God, the Father, forgives completely and forgets, reminding us no more of our sin.

VERSES *25-32:* This is the story of the elder son's reaction to the father's forgiveness toward the younger son. Perhaps you have been the one who has stayed with the job and haven't wandered away. There is just as much danger in your being a delinquent, too. What is your attitude towards others who have had their fling and are now back and everyone is so happy? Be careful that jealousy will not overthrow your steadfastness in doing that which is right.

By Way of Review

Let us put on the chalkboard the steps the prodigal son took downward to become a delinquent and then the steps he took that brought him back in right standing with his father. *(Draw 7 steps downward and 7 steps upward.)*

Downward

STEP *1:* Self-will—give me mine
STEP *2:* Selfishness—took all of his own for himself
STEP *3:* Separation—lived away from right influences
STEP *4:* Self-Satisfaction—lived only to please his desires
STEP *5:* Spiritually lacking—He was in extreme want
STEP *6:* Self Disgrace—it was a dishonor to feed the pigs
STEP *7:* Starvation—he was at the very bottom

Upward

STEP *1:* Realization—he recognized his condition
STEP *2:* Resolution—he made up his mind to do something about it
STEP *3:* Repentance—he was deeply sorry
STEP *4:* Return—he fulfilled what he was determined to do
STEP *5:* Reconciliation—there was acceptance of his repentance
STEP *6:* Re-clothing—his old way of living was taken off and new put on
STEP *7:* Rejoicing—there was joy

Buzz Groups

Divide into as many groups as you can for the amount of people you have. Appoint a moderator for each group. Prepare beforehand questions concerning young people's conduct in relation to the steps just discussed in the Bible study. Such as: *What delinquent trait do young people show when they walk down a street or sidewalk four or five abreast and won't move until they are forced to?*

Alternate Program

Have a guest speaker from your community, school, or law enforcement group who has had experience in working with young people, who are in trouble because of disobedience to the law. Have the person speak to your group concerning the first steps in becoming a juvenile delinquent and then give advice on how not to become a delinquent. Be sure to contact the speaker at least a month before the meeting and tell him what you expect him to talk about. Be ready with questions to ask afterwards. Use as much of the topic as you wish before your speaker speaks. Let him know the amount of time you plan for him to have and then be sure to let him have that amount of time.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 17 The Things of Caesar — Matthew 22:17-22
T. June 18 Laws That Go Together — Ezra 7:25,26
W. June 19 Showing Respect to Leaders — Acts 23:1-5
T. June 20 A Nation's Strength — Proverbs 14:34
F. June 21 Keeping Laws — I Peter 2:13,14
S. June 22 Beware of Attitudes — II Timothy 3:1-5
Sun. June 23—Topic: How to Become a Juvenile Delinquent — Luke 15:11-24

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship

What I Owe My Country

Romans 13:1-7
(Independence Sunday)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: (See instructions below)
Prayer: (by leader or counselor)
Flag Salute
Song: *America the Beautiful*
Christian Flag Salute
Hymns: *The Song of the Soul Set Free; God's Way My Way*
Scripture: Romans 13:1-7 (See instructions below)
Other Songs: *He Keeps Me Singing; In My Heart There Rings a Melody; I Am Thine, O Lord; Near to the Heart of God*
Prayer Time: Have several pray for the needs of our country.
Leader's Introduction
Reports
Quiz
Discussion: What I Owe My Country
Counselor's Challenge and Discussion
Letter Writing Time
Benediction

Publicity

Give out individual invitations to each member and each prospective member of your society. You may secure the small patriotic stickers to place on some plain 3x5 white cards. Type with red ribbon or write with red ink the information on the topic, place, date, and time. If you have the time, there are many possibilities for more elaborate invitations made of construction paper using any number of patriotic suggestions. Use the lookout committee to work on this project.

Decorate the room with small flags, paper streamers of red, white, and blue. Use silhouettes made of black construction paper of famous men in history to help decorate the room. You may also want to use pictures of current events obtained from magazines and newspapers.

For the Leader

Use for the prelude, some recorded hymns that might be available from members of your group, or your pastor and counselor. If you borrow equipment be sure you are careful with it and return it promptly. Start the playing of the records as the first Junior Highs come into the meeting and continue until the meeting starts.

Have the Scripture passage read in unison and then have someone read it from a new translation such as Phillips. Be sure to ask the person who is to read the Scripture at least a week before the meeting.

Have pencils and paper ready for the quiz. Work with your counselor or pastor in preparing more questions or a different set. You might make your questions more specific concerning the country's condition at the present time.

To the Counselor

Work closely with your leader in presenting this topic. You need to look ahead several weeks in advance of topic presentation in order to help the leader properly. Be prepared to give suggestions on each part of the topic. Be sure you help the leader but don't do it all for him.

The topic starts with the country's history followed by a quiz on more specific areas that youth should know about. Help your leader in preparing more questions. The next section is a discussion of questions concerning what God's Word has to say about our responsibility and what we owe to our country. You should follow this with a challenge to the Junior Highs to allow God to direct their individual lives for it is individuals who make up a country. You as a counselor have a wonderful opportunity here to give your Junior Highs spiritual encouragement that will help them live in these difficult days. Remember however, you must be guided by the Lord in order to give someone else spiritual help.

Leader's Introduction

This is the second topic in the series on Christian Citizenship. The topic last week showed us how necessary our own personal relationship with God and other people is in order to produce good Christian Citizenship.

In a few days people throughout our nation will be celebrating our country's birth—the Fourth of July. In Canada Dominion Day will be celebrated on July 1. Our topic tonight is presented with these days in mind.

Reports

Assign the reports to different individuals early in the month. They should prepare a short talk concerning the man they are to tell about. Material and information for the reports can be obtained from the local library. The reports need not be long. Be sure that the reporter gives some important instances in which these men helped our country. When the reports are presented do not give the name of the man being reported on. See if the group can guess who the report is about before it is finished. Other names can be added and reports given as time allows. Canadian Endeavorers will want to select the names of individuals who contributed to the formation of the dominion.

LEADER'S INTRODUCTION

There are many people who have been responsible for making our country what it is today, a land of freedom and liberty. Would you recognize these men if you heard something about them? There will be several reports given now about men of history. The names will not be given until after the report. See if you can guess who the man of history is. *(The following is given as a sample.)*

(Washington) This great man of history was a stately gentleman. One who was even accused of acting like a king. Before his work as a politician he served the country as a military leader. His administration was marked by caution, precision, and sober judgment which always characterized him. When chosen president, the electors cast a unanimous vote for him for he commanded the respect of both parties. It is said of him: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Quiz

We have checked our knowledge of past history from these reports. You know what your personal score was and perhaps it means you need to learn more of the history of our nation. Communists put us to shame by what they know about the history of their party and country. Our country is as weak or strong as each citizen is weak or strong. How much do you know about your country now? The following quiz will help to determine this.

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1. I know the name of the President of the United States.

2. I know the names of my state's senators and representatives.

3. I know which political party is in control of the government now, and I know some of the outstanding issues of that party's platform.

4. I read the front page of the newspaper several times a week.

5. I listen to newscasts regularly.

6. I realize that I should form my own political opinions, rather than blindly accept those of others.

7. I can list the rights guaranteed to me by the Bill of Rights.

8. I am a member of a current-events group.

9. I am acquainted with some of the services provided by the national government for my protection and help.

10. I believe that Christians should be interested in politics.

(After presenting the quiz spend a few minutes in discussing some of the questions and the reasons why it is important to know these things about our country. Don't spend too much time in discussing these.)

Questions for Discussion

(Ask the following questions to the group and allow them time to discuss them before you read or give the comments listed after each question. After the comments have been given allow time for more discussion.)

What do I owe my country? This is a reversal of most people's thinking these days. Usually we hear "well, my country owes it to me." "After all I do pay taxes and I should get something for it." What is your attitude? Are you really conscious of what you owe your country or is your main thought of what your country owes you? Let us check up our attitudes tonight.

QUESTION 1. What is the attitude of most people these days concerning their country?

COMMENT: Notice from now on the general attitude of people concerning their country. Most of the things we enjoy and have are taken for granted by nearly everyone of our people. If you have an opportunity to be around someone who has just come to this country from another country that doesn't have freedom and liberty, notice their appreciation for the things that we have here.

QUESTION 2. How do people take care of the things the country does provide for them? (such as parks, roads, schools, and health boards).

COMMENT: This is vacation time across our country with thousands visiting the wonderful parks and vacation spots provided for them by the government. Notice again, the next time you are in a park whether people are careful about leaving the park neat. Many do but there are some who take the attitude that someone else is getting paid to keep the park clean and they are under no obligation to pick up their own trash. What do you do when you are in a public place? Do you try to leave it as clean or cleaner than you found it? What about the treatment of school property? You personally did not fight for the freedom we enjoy nor did you personally pay for the park or the school you use and therefore you may feel no appreciation for them. We shall see later in our discussion the warnings God gives to those who act this way.

QUESTION 3. To whom are we indebted for our free country?

COMMENT: If you were to take a poll across the country asking people this question, you would find many and varied answers. Some would say it was our strong armed forces, our fine government, our fine organization across the country, or the faithful people down through the years who have done the right things for our country. Or some would say our forefathers who came over here seeking religious freedom. They set our country up under God's leading, so they are responsible for our free country. All of these have had some part in giving us the free country we have today but these are not the real reasons for our freedom. Deuteronomy 8:10 expresses it well: "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." This was speaking specifically about a country during Bible times but can be applied to our country, too, for the Bible is for all ages.

QUESTION 4. What danger is there in the great amount of ingratitude that is shown across our country today?

COMMENT: Our country stands in great danger because of our ingratitude. The only reason we have had a well-favored country has been the hand of God and when we forget God or forget to thank Him for His gifts we stand in danger. God is long-suffering and is patient with our sin but may not always be. There is a day of reckoning for all those who do not put Him first. His Word is full of these warnings. Read Deuteronomy 8:11-16.

QUESTION 5. What will happen to those who forget God?

COMMENT: Deuteronomy 8:19 "And it shall be, *if thou do at all forget* the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish." God is talking to the Jewish nation in this instance but His Word is forever and for all nations and all people so the warning stands as much today as then,

QUESTION 6. What can we do about it?

COMMENT: Our first obligation is concerning what we do personally. Our nation will be judged as a nation but you will be judged as a person. If the nation is found guilty of great sin God will not judge you accordingly but will judge you as to what you have done with what He has given you.

QUESTION 7. How can we know?

COMMENT: God has given us preachers, teachers, leaders, and parents to guide us and teach us. If they fail to guide us right, they will receive worse punishment because of their responsibility to others. However, God expects us to search for ourselves also. God has given us His Word and His Spirit to teach all things. Romans 1:10 tells us that we are without excuse. Everything that God has given to us has been for the purpose of teaching us about Him. If we sincerely and honestly seek Him, He will lead us into all knowledge.

Letter Writing

Have the group compose a letter expressing thanks and appreciation for the facilities available to us. You may consider writing to the school board, department of parks, health officials, and other agencies.

Select one or two of the best letters to be typewritten and sent. Perhaps there is church stationery which could be used.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 24 The Source of All Good Things James 1:16,17

T. June 25 Men Who Forget God Romans 1:20-26

W. June 26 The Land God Gave Us Deuteronomy 8:10-18

T. June 27 Jesus Pays Tribute Tax Matthew 17:24-27

F. June 28 A Wise Ruler I Kings 4:29-34

S. June 29 Thanksgiving Every Day I Thessalonians 5:18

Sun. June 30—Topic: What I Owe My Country Romans 13:1-7
(Independence Sunday)

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Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

"A Sound from Heaven"

Acts 2
(Pentecost Sunday)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Quiet Music
Song Service: *For Christ and the Church; The Church's One Foundation; With Thy Spirit Fill Me; Have Thine Own Way; I Surrender All;* and other hymns concerning the Church and the Holy Spirit.
Sentence Prayers
Roll Call (To be answered with a verse of Scripture)
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4;14-17, 36-42
Leader's Talk
Discussion of the Topic
Closing Devotions
Benediction

Publicity

Since Pentecost is the anniversary of the founding of the Church, a birthday party could be planned. Regular party invitations could be mailed stating the time, place, and occasion for the party. Posters using the birthday motif should be prepared and posted at least a week in advance of the meeting.

After the regular Christian Endeavor meeting or the evening church service, ice cream and a birthday cake could be served in the church social room.

For the Leader

Today is a special day. Since it is the first Sunday of the month, it is Consecration Sunday in Christian Endeavor. For this reason it is suggested that the secretary call the roll and every member answer with a verse of Scripture. In order that this be done well it should be announced at the last meeting in May.

In the Church Year today is called Pentecost Sunday. It is observed as the anniversary of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the founding of the Church. With this in mind, the topics committee has planned a series of three topics on the *Growth of the Church,* of which today's is the first. In the meeting an effort should be made to explain the Holy Spirit and his work. Prayers should be directed toward requests for the growth and progress of the Church. The leader could assign suggested topics for prayer to some of the members. If this were done, the sentence prayers, as a whole, would be more meaningful and not a mere repetition of a few petitions used over and over again in Christian Endeavor meetings.

Leader's Talk

The Jewish people had three important feasts which they observed each year. These were the Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

Pentecost was the second of these feasts. It was celebrated fifty days after the Passover which was the reason it became known as *Pentecost.* (Pentecost is a Greek word which means *fiftieth.)* In the Old Testament it is called *The Feast of Weeks* (Deuteronomy 16:10) because it occurred a week of weeks (seven weeks) after the Passover. It is also called *The Feast of Harvest* (Exodus 23:16) and *The Day of Firstfruits* (Numbers 28:26). The Passover marked the beginning of the grain harvest, Pentecost, its close. On the latter day, two loaves of bread baked from wheat flour of the new harvest were offered to God as a token of thanksgiving for another harvest. In later times, Pentecost was also celebrated as the anniversary of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The time Pentecost was celebrated varied. Sometimes it was in May and at other times in June.

Pentecost also has a meaning for Christians. It was on the first day of Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus that the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles as Jesus had promised, and the Church was established. In the Church Year, Pentecost is celebrated on the sixth Sunday after Easter, although the Jewish Pentecost may fall on any day of the week.

Today our topic, *A Sound from Heaven,* is concerned with events which occurred on that first Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection when the Spirit came and the Church began. It is the first of a series of three topics on *The Growth of the Church.*

Topics for Discussion

1. After Jesus arose from the dead He met with His disciples from time to time over a period of forty days. In preparation for His leaving them to return to heaven, He said, ". . . wait for the promise of the Father, which ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence." As they conversed for a last time before He departed, He again commissioned them saying, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Immediately after this Jesus was taken up into heaven.

Following the ascension, the apostles returned to Jerusalem as Jesus had ordered them. They did not begin immediately to testify concerning Him as they were not yet filled with the Spirit. Rather, they prayerfully waited in company with other believers (in all about one hundred and twenty) for Jesus to fulfill His promise to send the Holy Spirit (Acts 1).

2. The period which the disciples had to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Spirit was, as Jesus had indicated, brief, in fact but ten days. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit did come and equip the apostles for their ministry of witnessing for Christ and establishing His Church.

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The particular Pentecost referred to in Acts 2:2 was the first time this feast was celebrated after the crucifixion of Jesus which had occurred during the preceding Passover season of the same year. The date, then, was probably 29 or 30 A.D.

On this particular day, the apostles were assembled together as was their custom after the ascension. Then the Spirit came accompanied by strange phenomena: a sound from heaven like the rushing of a mighty wind; an appearance of something like tongues of fire which parted and rested upon the apostles; and the speaking of the apostles in other languages as the Spirit directed them.

Such strange happenings soon drew a crowd. As Pentecost was one of the three annual feasts on which devout Jews made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the city was filled with visitors who had come from all parts of the known world. When these heard the apostles speaking, they were amazed because each understood what they said in his own native tongue.

Of course, the crowd was at a loss to explain these strange things. But, as is so often the case, there were some who, although they did not understand the true significance of what was happening, felt impelled to say something. These mocked the apostles saying that they were filled with new wine.

Undaunted by this criticism, Peter rather took this mockery as an opportunity to offer the correct explanation of the strange occurrence. He said that he and his fellow apostles were not drunk since it was only the third hour of the day (9:00 A.M. Jews fasted on feast days until 10 or 12 o'clock). What was happening was in fulfillment of a prophecy of Joel concerning the last days (the Messianic age, the Christian Era) Acts 2:1-21.

3. After Peter had made the point that the marvelous speaking in other languages by the apostles was due to the Holy Spirit, he continued with a concise summary of the life, work, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. He showed from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 16:8ff) that David had predicted the resurrection of the Christ. When he had applied this prophecy to Jesus, Peter concluded that the phenomena which his hearers were then witnessing had been sent by Jesus, who, in fulfillment of another prophecy of David, had ascended into heaven 110:1). By way of climax, Peter summed up his argument by saying, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When they heard this, Peter's hearers were conscience-stricken. Convinced that they were not only murderers, but what was worse, they were guilty of the death of their Messiah, they cried out, "Men, and brethren, what shall we do?"

Peter, in reply, said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost . . ."

Those who believed Peter were baptized that day. They numbered about three thousand. This was the beginning of the Church. This was in fulfillment of another promise of Jesus (Matthew 16:13ff). He had established His Church. It was founded upon faith in Him. The apostles, and especially Peter, played prominent roles in this, but it was the Lord Himself who had sent forth His Spirit through whose agency the Church was established.

The converts won through the apostles' labors persevered in their religion. They gave constant attention to the apostles' teachings, fellowshipping with one another, and worshipping which included the Lord's Supper *(the breaking of bread and prayer)*. The miracles performed by the apostles filled them with a reverent awe. The members of the church lived a common life. They voluntarily sold their possessions and goods. The proceeds were distributed to the members of the church in accordance with their individual needs. Day by day they assembled in the temple. As they ate their regular meals in their own homes, it was with gladness, generosity, and thankfulness to God. Such a life gave them a good reputation among unbelievers and the Church grew daily (Acts 2:22-47).

Questions for Discussion

1. With what distinctly American holiday does the Jewish Pentecost have some similarity?

2. What is the significance of Pentecost to a Christian?

3. When was the Church established? Who established it? What Church was this?

4. The early Church practiced a community of goods. Should the Church still follow this practice? Give reasons for your answer.

5. What is meant by The Trinity?

6. What are some of the things the Holy Spirit has done?

7. In the early Church some gifts of the Spirit were miraculous. These included speaking in unknown tongues, healing the sick, and prophecy. What was the purpose of these gifts? Are they still to be found in the Church today? Give reasons for your answer.

8. In what ways does the Spirit work today? What are some evidences of his presence?

4. In the topic, up to this point, many references have been made to the Holy Spirit. It would be well to consider briefly what is meant by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible makes it plain that there is only one God, yet it also speaks of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is sometimes referred to as the *Trinity* which means the three persons of God who are one. The Bible itself does not use this term. The exact relationship of the three is hard to understand. In fact, the Bible does not try to explain this mystery. It simply states the fact and lets it go at that.

Although the Bible does not explain the Holy Spirit, it often mentions Him. He is the Spirit through whom God works in various ways. He was present at the creation. He guided or inspired the writers of the Scriptures. Jesus was conceived through His agency. When He was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. Because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit, He is the Christ. He performed His miracles through the Spirit's power.

Jesus promised his disciples that He would send them the Holy Spirit after His return to heaven. He would teach them and bring to their remembrance the things which He had told them. He was to be the aider or helper of believers, and the accuser or prosecutor of the world.

The fulfillment of this promise has already been discussed. The Holy Spirit indicated that Jews and Gentiles alike were eligible for membership in the Church. He aided the early Church through both special and ordinary gifts. The gift of the Holy Spirit which Peter promised his hearers on the Day of Pentecost, is still being given. This is evident from the transformed life which Christians can live.

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 27 Foretold by Joel Joel 2:27-32
T. May 28 Promised by Jesus Acts 1:4-8
W. May 29 Received by the Apostles Acts 2:1-4
T. May 30 He Is the Spirit of Truth John 16:7-13
F. May 31 He Is the Comforter John 14:26-31
S. June 1 He Is the Teacher Luke 12:8-12
Sun. June 2—Topic: "A Sound from Heaven" Acts 2
(Pentecost Sunday)

Comments by Park H. Netting, minister of the Church of Christ in Owosso, Michigan

Topic 2 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

Scattered Coals

Acts 7:52-8:8; 11:18-21

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Quiet Music
Song Service: *In the Service of the King; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations; Send the Light; In Christ There Is No East or West; Jesus Calls Us;* and other hymns with a missionary theme or which are calls to Christian service.
Prayer: Pray for the success of the missionary program of the Church
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Acts 8:1b-8;11:19-21.
Leader's Talk
Presentation of the Topic
Discussion of Questions
Closing Moments
Benediction

Publicity

Today's topic is a missionary topic. Prepare posters showing a picture of Christ and an outline map of the world. Across the map print, *Jesus Shall Reign.* Below, or above, give the data concerning the meeting.

Send postcards with figures of a cross opposite a hammer and sickle. Underneath have the words *Which will conquer.* Then have a world globe and a question mark. Follow this with the legend, *Come to Christian Endeavor and learn how you can help Christ.* Add other information concerning the time and place of the meeting.

Sunday morning have one or more representatives of the society appear in the youth or other assemblies of the Sunday school attended by youth, or in youth Sunday school classes to announce the evening meeting. To attract attention and emphasize the theme of the meeting, have those who make the announcement dress as nationals of a country or countries in which your church has mission stations.

For the Leader

Provide some atmosphere for the meeting. Place on the leader's desk a display of the flags of the nations of the world. (It is possible that a holder containing small flags can be borrowed from the local Rotary Club.) Stand a large American flag (Canadian Endeavors will use their national flag) to one side of the desk and a Christian flag of corresponding size on the other. In a prominent place in the room hang a map of the world on which are marked the mission stations of your church. A picture of Jesus and the children of the world might also be displayed.

Post announcements of the meeting one week in advance. Mail cards advertising the meeting on Thursday. Assign the prayer and topics far enough in advance so that those to whom they are assigned may make adequate preparation.

Alternate Topic Development

Since the theme of the topic text is the growth and spread of the early Church; significant periods in the spread of the Church throughout the world could be selected and presented. A more restricted treatment would be a similar presentation of the history of one's own church. Materials for such studies may be found in general church histories, denominational histories, and pamphlets issued by denominational publishing houses.

Leader's Talk

In *The Daily Bible Reading* for last Monday, it was seen that Jesus intended his Church to be worldwide. *(Read Matthew 28:18-20.)*

This divine commission was repeated later in a slightly different form just before Jesus ascended into heaven. *(Read Acts 1:8.)*

Last week's topic showed how the apostles obeyed the command to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. When He came on the day of Pentecost, the Church was established and the work of proclaiming the Gospel was begun.

But there were some things which the apostles did not yet understand. For some time they were content to confine their efforts to Jerusalem. It was a bitter persecution which caused the Church to expand the scene of its labors. Besides, since the apostles were all Jews, and the first Christians either Jews or converts to Judaism, it was not strange that these should think of membership in the Church as being confined to such.

Today's topic on *Scattered Coals* describes how the Church was given a broader vision both of the place where it was to labor and the kind of people who should be evangelized.

Talks on the Topic

1. The number of disciples in Jerusalem immediately preceding Pentecost was 120. On the day the Church was founded, their number was increased by about 3,000. A short time later the membership came to be about 5,000 (probably exclusive of women and children). Although this is the last definite figure given in the Book of the Acts, the Church continued to grow.

The progress of the Church was not long left unchallenged. First, Peter and John, then later all of the apostles were arrested, threatened, and ordered to cease preaching about Jesus. Such threats accomplished nothing. Upon their release, the apostles continued their work without slackening.

An even more severe persecution of the Church was occasioned by the martyrdom of Stephen. When the communal life of the Jerusalem Church was abandoned, the care of needy widows was continued. One of the seven men, who were selected to oversee this work, was named Stephen. He was not content to confine his efforts to this work of a deacon. He disputed with fellow Jews of his own class about Jesus. When the latter were not able to refute his arguments, they secured false witnesses who accused him of blasphemy (irreverence) before the Sanhedrin (the supreme court of the Jews). Although he made an able defense, the members of the court, along with the spectators at his trial, became enraged at his bold words, dragged him outside the city, and stoned him to death. Thus, Stephen became the first Christian martyr. The word *martyr* means a *witness.* Later it was applied especially to one who witnessed to a cause by sacrificing his life for it. (See Acts 1-7.)

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2. The death of Stephen was the signal for the beginning of a severe persecution of the infant Church. This was led by a young Jew from Tarsus by the name of Saul (who later remarkably enough, became the apostle Paul). He had been a spectator at Stephen's death and had been in sympathy with those who stoned him. After this event, he entered private homes and arrested and dragged off to prison any Christians he found, both men and women. The result was that the disciples, with the exception of the apostles, fled from Jerusalem and were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. The persecution only ended when Saul himself was converted to Christianity.

This persecution of the Church, far from destroying it, resulted in its expansion. Up to this time, the disciples seemed to have ignored Jesus' command to spread the Gospel beyond Jerusalem. When Stephen was stoned, they became *scattered coals*. As a new fire blazes up everywhere, when a burning ember falls in dry glass, so they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word (See Acts 8:1-4).

3. Worthy of special note were the missionary activities of Philip. He, like Stephen, was one of the Seven chosen to care for the widows in Jerusalem. When Stephen was stoned he fled to the city of Samaria, the chief city and center of that central region of Palestine which lay between Judea and Galilee which was also called Samaria. There he preached the Gospel with notable success.

This was an advance for the Church. The inhabitants of Samaria were of mixed Israelite and Gentile ancestry. Their religion was a form of Judaism which was not acknowledged as valid by the more orthodox Jews. It was to such schismatic half-breeds that Philip preached. So, as Jesus had ordered, His disciples who had already preached in Jerusalem and Judea, were now extending their witness to Samaria, and the Gospel progressed from the Jew to the part-Jew, the Samaritan.

Philip made another important contribution to the growth of the Church. While he was still in Samaria, he was ordered by an angel to go to the vicinity of the ancient Philistine city of Gaza in southeastern Palestine. There he met an Ethiopian eunuch, the treasurer of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopian kingdom of Meroe. This man may have been a Jewish proselyte (that is, a gentile who had been converted to the Jewish religion) for he had been to Jerusalem to worship in the temple and as he rode home he was reading from the Book of Isaiah. Philip explained the meaning of this prophecy to him, and beginning with it he "preached unto him Jesus." As a result, the eunuch was baptized. So, the circle of the Gospel was widened to include a Negro, although in the case of the eunuch, he already was a believer in the true God and not an outright heathen (Acts 8:5-40).

Questions for Discussion

1. If people are civilized, prosperous, moral, and sincere in their own religious beliefs, is it important or even right to send missionaries to other countries to try to convert them to Christianity?

2. The early Church spread as the result of the persecution which arose over the death of Stephen. Does God still bring good out of evil? Give some examples.

3. Peter was taught that God is no respecter of persons. Consequently, he ordered gentiles baptized. Who is eligible for church membership today? Should there be racial and social segregation in the modern Church?

4. What, specifically, is your congregation doing to promote the growth of the church outside your own community?

5. What personal responsibility do you have for the growth of the Church? How can you discharge this obligation?

4. The suggested Bible reading for last Wednesday (Acts 10:30-43) is an excerpt from another important chapter in the growth of the Church.

A certain Cornelius, a centurion (a non-commissioned officer in the Roman army) who was stationed at Caesarea, the Roman capital of Judea, was divinely directed in a vision to call for Peter to come to him to tell him what he should do to be saved. Cornelius was an Italian. Although he was a pious man, he had not become a proselyte like the Ethiopian eunuch, but was only a *God-fearer* or *proselyte of the gate* and, hence, a gentile, still outside the Jewish fold.

Cornelius heeded the vision and sent three messengers down the coast to Joppa to find Peter. The latter, having also been prepared by a vision, answered Cornelius' summons. In spite of his Jewish prejudice against associating with gentiles, when he arrived in Caesarea, he entered Cornelius' house and declared, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Then Peter preached Christ. While he was still speaking, the Holy Spirit descended upon Cornelius and those who were with him, like it had on the apostles on the day of Pentecost. This indicated to Peter that Gentiles (non-Jews) as well as Jews, were to be admitted into the Church. Thereupon, he ordered the baptism of Cornelius and his companions. Although this action was first questioned by the Jerusalem Church, when Peter had explained the circumstances, his action was approved (Acts 10:1-11:18). So the Church came to include Gentiles in its membership or as Luke puts it in Acts 11:18 *(Read this verse.)*

5. The persecution which began with the death of Stephen dispersed disciples not only throughout Judea and Samaria, but some of them traveled as far as Phoenicia, on the coast north of Palestine: Cyprus, a nearby island, in the Mediterranean; and Antioch, the third city of the Roman Empire, in Syria.

At first these evangelists worked only among the Jews as they did not yet see clearly the universal nature of Christianity, but some who were from Cyprus and Cyrene (a city in northern Africa) arrived in Antioch and began evangelizing among the gentiles and a strong church was established which included both races.

Such a situation merited investigation by the Church in Jerusalem. Barnabas was sent to Antioch. When he arrived there and saw the congregation which was the result of the grace of God, he was glad. While on this same trip, he went to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he had found him he brought him to Antioch.

So, the Church in Antioch became an important center for early Christianity. Jews and gentiles were accepted on equal terms. Here the disciples first received that name which was to become distinctive of the followers of Christ, *Christians*. The city, too, became the base of operations for Saul, who as the apostle Paul, was destined to become Christianity's greatest missionary (See Acts 11:19-26).

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 3 Divine Commission Matthew 28:18-20
T. June 4 Sent to Preach Romans 10:8-15
W. June 5 Peter Preaches Christ Acts 10:30-43
T. June 6 The Church Sends Missionaries Acts 13:1-5
F. June 7 Preaching the Cross I Corinthians 1:12-18
S. June 8 Preach the Word Mark 4:3-20
Sun. June 9—Topic: Scattered Coals Acts 7:52-8:8; 11:18-21

Comments by Park H. Netting, minister of the Church of Christ in Owosso, Michigan

Topic 3 in a Unit: Growth of the Church

Effervescent Evangels

Acts 6:1-8; 7:55

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Quiet Music
Song Service: *Stand Up for Jesus; Challenge of the New Day; Living for Jesus; Are Ye Able Said the Master; O Jesus I Have Promised.*
Prayer: (For the leaders of the Church throughout the world and that men and women may be challenged to prepare themselves for Christian service.)
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-8;7:55
Solo: *Take My Life and Let It Be*
Leader's Talk
Presentation of the Topic
Discussion
Friendship Circle: (With sentence prayers in which each Endeavorer promises God that he will devote his life to His service in whatever way He calls him.)
Benediction

Publicity

Prepare posters which include the pictures of men and women who have gone out from your church as ministers, missionaries, or other Christian workers, or those who are now in school preparing for such service. In addition to their names and present field of service, give the others necessary information advertising the meeting.

For the Leader

Attention may be called to the need for leaders in the church by a display of pictures of ministers who have served your own congregation, pictures of men and women who have gone out from your congregation into different areas of Christian service or who are now preparing for such work, and literature and pictures of colleges and seminaries where such preparation may be secured.

Alternate Developments of the Topic

1. Invite a faculty representative and a group of students from a nearby college or seminary to present the program for the evening. Included in the program might be talks on various specifically Christian vocations, qualifications for these vocations, preparation necessary for these vocations, and what the institution which is represented offers in preparation for these.

2. Use students from the local congregation who are home for the summer vacation to present a program similar to that suggested in number 1.

3. Secure biographical material and pictures concerning men and women who have gone out from the local church into specifically Christian work and have a series of talks presented concerning these and their work.

4. Build the program around Christian colleges, Bible colleges, and seminaries supported by your church. Secure pictures and literature. Locate the institutions on a map. Describe the particular service and type of education that each of these institutions offer.

Leader's Talk

Today's topic is entitled *Effervescent Evangels.* This means evangelists who are bubbling over with enthusiasm for preaching the Gospel.

The chief evangelist who is introduced by our Scripture was Stephen. He comes on the scene as the result of a dispute in the Jerusalem Church.

There were two classes in this congregation. Although they were all Jews, some had been reared in Palestine and spoke Aramaic. These are referred to as *Hebrews.* The others had been reared outside of Palestine in a Greek environment. They followed some Greek customs and spoke the Greek language. For this reason they were referred to as *Grecians* or *Hellenists.* These latter complained that their widows were not getting their fair share of the provisions doled out daily by the church.

The apostles wisely did not take sides in the dispute. Rather, they stated that it was not suitable for them to forsake the ministry of preaching for this charitable work. Therefore, they suggested that the disciples select seven men whom they might appoint to take charge of this responsibility. This was acceptable to the congregation. If names mean anything, all seven who were chosen were from the complaining faction for their names are Greek. After their selection by the congregation they were solemnly set apart for their work with prayers and the laying on of the apostles' hands. (This is the precedent for the present practice of ordaining ministers and other church workers.) These seven are sometimes called the first *deacons* although this title is not applied specifically to them in the New Testament.

Of special note among the Seven were Stephen and Philip. The effervescent spirit of the former did not permit him to remain content with merely administering charity, important as that work was. In addition, he performed miracles and disputed with his fellow Hellenistic Jews about Jesus. When the latter could not answer his arguments, they became angry. They bribed witnesses and had Stephen falsely accused of blasphemy (irreverence) before the supreme court of the Jews, the Sanhedrin.

Stephen made a spirited defense. It reached a climax when he, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." This was too much for his hearers. The court and its spectators were transformed into a mob, which without further ado, dragged the enthusiastic evangelist outside the city and stoned him to death.

Stephen died in a manner worthy of his Master. He called upon God saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit," and expired with the prayer, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Thus Stephen, an *effervescent evangel* became the first Christian martyr.

Talks on the Topic

1. Stephen was not the only early enthusiastic preacher of the Gospel. The daily Bible readings for the week suggests some others. Acts 5:29-32, 41, 42 contains an excerpt of the defense

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which Peter and the apostles made when they too had been arraigned earlier before the Sanhedrin. When reminded of a prohibition against their preaching, they boldly said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Even a beating and further threats did not deter them, for after their release, they daily continued their ministry.

The reference for Tuesday, Acts 8:9-13, describes the success in Samaria of a second deacon turned preacher, Philip. But as reference was made to his work last week, nothing further need be said now.

Peter, in spite of his responsibilities in Jerusalem, found time to go on evangelistic tours. One of these took him to Lydda, a large village located between Jerusalem and the coast. There he used his power to heal as an aid in increasing the effectiveness of his preaching (Acts 9:32-35).

2. Among the early evangelists there was none more enthusiastic or successful than Paul. He was a naturally zealous man. It was for this reason that before his conversion he was the most bitter persecutor of the Church.

After he became a Christian, Paul was every bit as enthusiastic in his promotion of the cause of Christ. This is shown by his eagerness to preach in Rome, the great capital of the Gentile world. He said, *(Read Romans 1:14-16).*

Nor was his labor in vain. One of his accomplishments, the conversion of Lydia and her household was Paul's first conversion in Europe. This is described in the reading for Friday, Acts 16:12-15. His earlier success with Barnabas in Cyprus, was the subject of Saturday's text, Acts 13:6-12.

An exhaustive study of the career of Paul would take many hours, but the preceding examples should suffice to illustrate his enthusiam for the Gospel.

3. The apostles, Stephen, Philip, and Paul were but a few of the evangelists who spread the Gospel in the New Testament period. What were some of the qualities which enabled them to do this work successfully?

In the first place they were men of faith. A Christian is a believer. The peculiar feature of his faith is that he believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Saviour of mankind. This is vital to salvation. As Peter states it clearly in Acts 4:12. *(Read this verse.)* This saving faith they felt compelled to share with others. Paul said (I Corinthians 9:16), ". . . yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

This faith generated courage. The evangelists were so certain of a future life that what happened to the body was of little importance. As a prisoner, Paul wrote these words to the Philippians, *(Read Philippians 4:11-13).*

Again he said in Philippians 1:21-23, *(Read these verses).*

The evangelists also had a single-minded devotion to duty. That is why Paul refused to take John Mark along on the Second Missionary Journey when he failed to complete the First. As Luke puts it, *(Read Acts 16:38).*

By way of contrast, Paul's own steadfastness is well expressed in Philippians 3:13,14 *(Read these verses).*

Nor was this faith in doubt as to the ultimate outcome of the struggle between good and evil. Not only does John in Revelation predict dire calamities, but he also records the triumphant shout "*The* kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

4. The Book of Acts conclusively demonstrates that God chose to save men through the agency of other men. He had Cornelius summon Peter to Caesarea. Philip was divinely directed to the Ethiopian eunuch. Ananias told Saul, after the Lord himself had appeared, to the latter, to arise and be baptized.

So communities were evangelized by men. The name of Philip is connected with Samaria, Paul and Barnabas with Galatia, and Paul and Silas with Philippi.

In later years, too, the Gospel has been spread by men. There was Carey in India, Judson in Burma, and Moffat and Livingstone in Africa.

Were you to examine the history of your own church, you would find that the formulation of its principles and the progress of it as a movement were due to determined leaders. In fact, it was such who founded the very congregation of which your Christian Endeavor society is a part. The evangelization of the remainder of the world is awaiting just such dedicated leaders today.

5. The Church can produce effervescent leaders today. This can be done through a strong program in the local congregation which thoroughly roots its members in the faith and upholds Christian life and service.

The Church must provide educational facilities outside the local congregation such as colleges and seminaries, which will educate young men and women for the task of worldwide evangelism.

Finally, the Church must stand behind such dedicated workers, morally, spiritually, and financially, for "how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:15).

Questions for Discussion

1. What place does enthusiasm have in promoting the Gospel?
2. Is enthusiasm alone sufficient for an efficient evangelist? What other qualities are helpful?
3. What is an evangelist? What are some of the ways in which one may serve as an evangelist?
4. Name the men and women who have gone out from your congregation into definite Christian service and tell what they are doing at the present time.
5. What schools does your church provide for the education of Christian workers? What types of education do they offer? Are they adequate to meet the needs of the youth of your church?

Additional Resources

There are a number of helpful books printed by Friendship Press telling of the work of missions today. These and other books on missions can be secured from The International Society Publishing Department or your local book store. There are also a number of good filmstrips available.

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 10 Daily Preaching Acts 5:29-32,41,42
T. June 11 Philip Wins Samaritans Acts 8:9-13
W. June 12 Peter Preaches at Lydda Acts 9:32-35
T. June 13 Paul's Enthusiasm Romans 1:14-16
F. June 14 Paul Convinces Lydia Acts 16:12-15
S. June 15 Successful Missionary Work Acts 13:6-12
Sun. June 16—Topic: Effervescent Evangels Acts 6:1-8; 7:55

Comments by Park H. Netting, minister of the Church of Christ in Owosso, Michigan

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship

Eternal Liberties

Genesis 1:26-28; Galatians 5:1; John 8:31-36

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service: *Battle Hymn of the Republic; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; We're Marching to Zion*
Offering and Announcements
Special Music
Prayer Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*
Sentence Prayers
Topic Presentation
Discussion
Closing Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning*
Mizpah Benediction

Leads for the Leader

The topic today is an unusual one filled with high possibility. It is one that encompasses our spiritual heritage, our national heritage, and our own personal heritages. It is not to be taken lightly and cannot be presented properly without a thoughtful and generous preparation. Resources should be brought to the meeting, both written, and by the presence of informed people if possible.

Think well of the scope and possibilities of the topic. Read the Scripture references. Jot down your own thoughts on the subject. Then read carefully the material given here, and any other that you may be able to secure. Denominational magazines, Sunday school materials, and other religious periodicals will be helpful as well as the secular press and magazines. School experiences and learning may be brought to bear here. Talk with the pastor, the society counselor, the school principal or teachers; discuss the subject with your friends. Finally, before and after this, pray much. God will lead you to an adequate preparation for an outstanding meeting if you will do your best. Select hymns carefully, to get the benefit of their messages, have special music presented, perhaps ask selected young people in advance to speak briefly. Make this meeting your best. Its success may be a blessing to the lives of many of your members as they give thought and consideration to their Eternal Liberties.

Counsel for the Counselor

A heavy weight of responsibility falls upon the counselor for the success of this meeting. Indeed for the success of any of the meetings from week to week, an equal responsibility falls. Adult counselors are not appointed merely as ornamentation for a meeting, or even as disciplinarians. They are appointed for the immediate purpose of more helpful, wholesome, spiritually-enriched meetings of the Christian Endeavor society. They are commissioned, in the larger sense, for the long-range purpose of helping to build individual Christian lives. This will take arduous, painstaking work, often seeming to be unavailing and unappreciated. But it will be worth the effort and the sacrifice! As society members grow into mature, thinking Christians, or as even one or two develop into dedicated Christian leaders, so will God's reward to you be abundantly manifest.

Work with these young people individually. Work with them as committees. Not only by total society effort is the Master's work accomplished. Each committee should be completely staffed and meeting regularly. Definite goals should be set and followed.

Particularly in the matter of the devotional committee is this true. This committee, together with the counselor, should meet in advance with all leaders of devotional meetings. Help them plan the meeting, show them the steps of development, point out extra resources and materials. In general it is your task to help unprepared but willing young people to become prepared and effective leaders. They will then be strengthened by fulfillment of their task, and encouraged for greater achievements to follow. It is your meeting also. In this particular meeting, assist the leader to do the things suggested above for his guidance. Make this topic live in the hearts and minds of your group. You are one of the vital links between God and those who have been given you as a sacred responsibility for a brief time.

Talks on the Topic

Targets for the Team

The real aims of this topic, to be developed by the united efforts of leader, counselor, and members are these:

1. To consider thoughtfully the liberties provided by our nation.
2. To consider understandingly the basic liberties provided only by our God.
3. To discuss and decide our responsibilities in the use of these eternal liberties.

Liberties of a Free Land

We are a people blessed by abundance, opportunity, and plenty. Best of all blessings, we are a free peopde. Freedom is a mighty heritage, wrought out for us by the toil, the faith, and the sacrifice of many. Our forefathers, believing it possible, made it possible. Our leaders today continue in the things that will assure continued freedom. Assuredly, mistakes are made, and all do not agree on details; to err is human. On the major matters we are united, however.

Our constitutions, the Bill of Rights, our laws, and our national policies recognize and protect the concept of liberty for the individual citizen. No other place in the world provides the freedom enjoyed on our continent. It's continuance is assured by the response of our people.

The traditional foundations of freedom, provided by the Constitution of the United States, are the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Dominion of Canada provides equal freedom. These have many ramifications and sub-divisions. By the fulfillment of each are we privileged to have what we proudly, but without proper understanding, call the American Way of Life. From your recollection of history, from what bitter past experiences were these rights born?

In more recent years these rights have been even more clearly enunciated by our national statesmen. By presidential proclamation, by congressional or parliamentary action, by international treaties, and by worldwide propaganda we have been made aware of the deeper meaning of democracy. The Freedoms have been spelled out and emphasized. Outstanding are: Freedom of Worship, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Private Enterprise.

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President Roosevelt also added Freedom from Fear. In the face of these liberties free people can agree with him in his familiar and inspired statement, "The only thing we have to fear is Fear itself." Can any people safely possess and enjoy such potentials for liberty without sharing them with others?

Liberties of a Loving God

We must not limit our thinking to national achievements or gifts, however. While we do enjoy the benefits of democracy, we must consider the actual roots of it. True democracy is a fruit of true Christianity. Too often we think that our Christian faith is dependent upon Democracy, while the opposite is true; our Democracy is totally dependent upon Christianity. Where the spirit of the Lord is there we find liberty. Where the Christ is Lord, there we find equality and true Freedom, and lasting righteousness. "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Contrarywise, where Christianity is perverted or submerged, there we find tyrrany and suffering, oppression and slavery.

Our God, who is a loving Father, provides true liberties for His children. Through His Son, the Church has brought a divine companionship into being. The *ecclesia,* the called-out ones of Christ, represent His Body on earth. Within the framework of the Christian life, given support and teaching by the Church, the fullest liberty is known. Indeed the only true and lasting freedom is herein. It is a liberty that extends to heaven itself, a blessing that never ends.

Beyond even the divine stature of the Church, the individual has sacred rights, endowed by our Creator Himself. John assures us further in the first chapter of his Gospel, "To as many as received Him (Christ) to them gave He power to become sons of God." Such sonship, granted by the grace of God, is an Eternal Liberty indeed; it is an everlasting responsibility as well.

To every one of His children our Father gives the right of dominion. (Read Genesis 1: 26 and discuss its meaning and implications.) God also gives the privilege and duty of self-discipline. While this may be declined, at fearful eternal cost, it is a Divine gift.

Supremely then, by the sacrifice and by the abiding love of the Lord Jesus Christ, is given the gift of self-determination. Our Father grants to each of His children the opportunity of development of his own life. There is no limit to the possibilities contained herein. Only laziness, low aim or blindness to spiritual vision can cancel out this possibility.

Questions for Discussion

1. What is the meaning of the word "liberty"?
2. What are "eternal liberties"?
3. Name the freedoms provided by your nation. Are these indebted to religion?
4. Are there any special liberties given only by God? If so, name them.
5. What are the implications of freedom?
6. What is the price of liberty?
7. Discuss the relationship between personal liberty and personal sacrifice.
8. Why is self-discipline necessary if freedom is to continue?
9. What is your personal responsibility in the liberties you enjoy?
10. Is Christianity dependent upon democracy? Why or why not?

Liberties of the Christian Life

The Child of God is uniquely free. Enslaved to God by the pure shackles of love and gratitude, he is amazingly free to develop the pattern of life at its highest. He is given the right to become a son of God! But all who rule must know its price and its disciplines. In secular life the uncontrolled leader becomes a tyrant; in the spiritual he becomes dissolute and contemptible. For every liberty, and for every right of rule, there is a proportionate obligation given. One must first learn to follow before he can lead. To have liberty we must give liberty. By the same token, in the exercise of our privilege of the Christian life we must exercise also a rigid discipline of self. In a democracy the only way continued freedom can be assured is by restricting one's own use of freedom; the way opportunity can be perpetuated for all is by properly using one's own opportunities. Sacrifice of personal desire or selfishness is often the price. Liberty should never be confused with license! Always we must remember that there are others in the world, there are others about us with the same needs and rights. To let the mind of Christ be in us, it is essential that the good of others be constantly considered as the most worthy goal.

What Do I Do with Liberty?

Christian youth must ever ask this question as long as the daily blessings of a free life are bestowed. Such blessings are not meant to be hoarded, they must be shared. Such liberty must be made available to all. Perhaps the quickest way to lose freedom is to monopolize it. Every youth should ask himself "Am I honestly striving to understand my heritage of freedom? Am I doing my best to keep it alive, and available in the Tomorrow that will soon be my responsibility?" Every Christian should ask "What is my duty as a Christian in sharing the eternal liberties I enjoy?"

Try This Project

To give further meaning and significance to this topic, and to increase its usefulness, a survey might be conducted by the members of the society. It will enable them to better know the attitudes of our associates and fellow citizens. It is probably that they have not assessed the rights and liberties they constantly enjoy, and that they have not properly appreciated them.

The members might make up a list of significant questions designed to give expression to their opinions and attitudes. Then each one could interview various members of the church or the community. Or the survey might be made among less familiar people, in such places as a shopping center, offices, or factories. Then reports should be made back to the society. Following this the findings should be studied and evaluated.

Ask such questions as, What are the liberties our nation provides? What liberties are provided by our own religion? How could we make better use of such freedom Is there any place where greater freedom is enjoyed? What do you think is the price of true freedom?

Discuss the importance of the attitudes revealed, pointing out the dangers, or the benefits of these attitudes. How could these be changed? Or modified? Or used to good advantage? Consider carefully what the local Christian Endeavor society can do to cultivate a wholesome appreciation of our eternal liberties. What can an individual accomplish?

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 17 The Glorious Liberty Romans 8:16-21
T. June 18 The Law of Liberty James 1:25-27
W. June 19 Misuse of Liberty I Peter 2:11-16
T. June 20 The Spirit Brings Liberty II Corinthians 3:13-18
F. June 21 Jesus Proclaims Liberty Luke 4:14-20
S. June 22 Careful Use of Liberty I Corinthians 8:1-9
Sun. June 23—Topic: Eternal Liberties
Genesis 1:26-28; Galatians 5:1; John 8:31-36

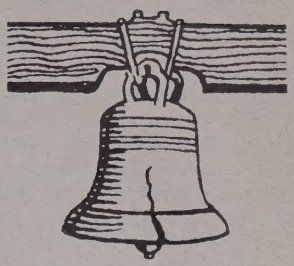
Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates, minister of First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, and immediate past president of the International Society

Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship

My Country—My People

Ruth 1:8-18

(Independence Sunday)



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to worship
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Directed Prayer: (Center the suggestions around the leaders of the nation and the world and peace.)
Hymn: *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
Scripture: Ruth 1:8-18
National Anthem
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Topic Presentation
Discussion
Hymn: *This is My Father's World*
Mizpah Benediction

To the Counselor

One of the things a counselor can help do is to guide the society into more careful planning. If he will check with the leader well in advance it will often stimulate the leader's interest and activity. The planning of young people's meetings is often too late and too little. In the case of this topic extra time should be allowed because of the need for costumes. This may take a little ingenuity but it will be worth the effort for the costumes will add color to the meeting. The counselor will want to make more than one check on the progress of the participants.

To the Leader

Plan ahead, PLAN ahead, plan AHEAD! Imagine yourself the casting director for a major production and look over the members of the society and try to ask the ones that will fit into the parts assigned to them. Then after the assignments be sure to check to see how each is coming along with the part he is going to play. Inquire about the costumes and help find them if necessary. Urge the participants to relate the material in their own words rather than reading or memorizing it.

As you plan for this meeting be sure the publicity is being done. Announcements in the Christian Endeavor society, Sunday school and Sunday school classes, the church paper, bulletin, and from the pulpit should be arranged.

Posters help to call attention to the meeting. Try a poster made from cutouts from magazines. Use the characters that are to be in the topic treatment. A picture of a pioneer on a colored poster with the caption *This pioneer will visit Christian Endeavor—* then give time and place. Or use a picture of an astronaut and the caption, *This pioneer speaks out at Christian Endeavor.*

THE VOICE OF A PIONEER: *(A young man dressed as an early settler of the area appears and in his words relates the following material.)* I am of Irish descent and along with many others of my nation and other nations I came to this land to seek a new life. We had faced many oppressions in the country from which I come. Our freedom was very limited. We could not hold public meetings of any kind. Even when we were seeking to make plans to come here we had to meet secretly. Work was scarce and difficult to find. The pay was small and expenses high. My family did not have too much money. The taxes were always beyond our ability to pay. I was a part of a group that sought to teach the young people and train them properly and to keep them from intermarrying with other nationalities and races. We wanted for them and for ourselves opportunities that just couldn't be attained in the old country. About this time I began to hear stories of the fabulous new world where there was freedom, opportunities, and wealth for the taking. There was land which was fertile and anyone could secure it. The desire to own my own land was deep within me. I chafed under the economic system of the old country which offered no future to even the most ambitious. So when there was a chance to join with others and move to the new world my wife and I invested everything we had in the trip and now we are pioneers in the new country. There have been many hardships and difficulties but God has blessed us and preserved us and we are thankful. We do own some land, some of it is cleared and we grow food for our needs and that of our two children. But most of all we are thankful for our freedom. God has been very good to us.

THE VOICE OF THE PIONEER MOTHER: *(A young woman dressed as the early mothers did appears and speaks. Relate the following in your own words.)* My husband has told you some about why we came to this new land. When he first began to talk about coming to this country I was very frightened. There were stories of wild savages and how fierce they behaved. We realize now that many of these reports were greatly exagerated. Even so there have been many dangers here and twice we have been attacked. Each time it was a small party and they did not realize how strong we were and as soon as they saw so much resistance they ran away.

We have had many hardships. We built our own cabin from the trees of the forest. My husband cut the trees down and trimmed them and I dragged the limbs over in a pile and burned them. We saved the ashes from the burning to use on the soil so it would be sweeter and then the remainder we used for making soap. As we had no furniture my husband cut it out with his broad axe and fastened the parts together with wooden pegs. The first year we had no floor in the cabin but lived on the bare dirt. Now we have a wooden floor hewn right out of the trees. We set up frame work and then used thongs to make the beds. We found grass and straw to make them softer. We had a huge fireplace in the end of the one room cabin and on cold nights the fire roared away to keep us warm. Not only did the fire warm us but it was there that we did all the cooking with an iron pot that swung back and forth over the fire. Game was plentiful and we had a lot of meat hanging frozen outside and high enough that the wolves and other animals couldn't get it.

Soon we found our clothing wearing out and we had to have more. I had learned to spin and weave before coming so I was busy every spare moment making cloth for new clothes. At certain times we would use bark and roots to dye the cloth. One of the other women taught me to knit so I made stockings and mittens for the family.

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Sickness struck often for the cabins were open and drafty and we didn't have very much medicine. We used teas of various kinds and such help as we could for each other. Sometimes the natives would offer a suggestion. We were never sure if their medicine was superstitution or of real value. There was another resource that always helped, namely prayer. We prayed individually and then we often came together in groups to unite our hearts in prayer to God for the healing of our family and friends. Even when they did not recover and life ebbed away we felt strengthened by God's presence.

Now we have a plot cleared and are raising more food for ourselves and can share with the less fortunate. There has always been a strong sense of responsibility for each other in our settlement. We help each other with building houses, barns, and with gathering the crops. And of course we must band together for protection. Ours is a democratic community. All the officials are elected by the people. We all help make the laws. Here we have freedom that we never had in the old country.

Soon after we arrived one of the men invited everyone to his cabin and there we started the church. There was no minister at first. However we met for study of the Bible and prayer and now there is a minister who visits us once every three months. For a long time we met in one of the cabins, but last summer the men set apart a period of time and working together built a church. The women got together and prepared the meals while the men cut the trees and fashioned the church. Next year we will have a school in the same building. By the time our first born is old enough to go to school there will be one. God has been very good to us.

VOICE OF THE MINISTER: *(Let him be dressed in such a manner as to suggest his calling and that he belongs to the pioneer age. Again, tell the story do not read or memorize.)*

I am a minister of the Gospel. I was a leader in my own country. There I labored for loyalty to Christ and for religious freedom. Some of my friends were put in prison for their faith and their fight for freedom. I myself was arrested twice and threatened many times. But I believed that God meant men to be free and not the slaves of others even though they were called by other names. Our group was persecuted in many ways. Our meetings were sometimes forbidden and if we were found the gathering broken up. We did not want much—only to worship according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Then came an answer to our many prayers. We heard of this new land where freedom existed and men could work and worship as they believed God meant them to worship. We had long discussions and much prayer before we approached the authorities about coming here. We risked our lives and invested all our savings to come here. We are not without problems, but we are free. I actually live in another settlement but I help here with the church coming once every three months. Next year I will spend more time here as I will also teach the school. The people in this area soon formed a church and I preach when I come. I marry the young ones and conduct the funerals for the ones that had passed away since my previous visit.

There were those who had little or no religion when we came. Some have remained just as they were. Some have found that God meets the deep-seated needs of their lives. A few fell away under the pressures of the new world and under the new freedom. Some thought freedom was the same as license so that they could do as they pleased.

Most of the time I have conducted a school for the boys and girls. We have spent much of the time on the fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Where ever the church grew it was because of the loyal devotion of the people. They have sacrificed of themselves and their limited means to keep the church alive and growing. These efforts God has blessed.

THE VOICE OF THE SPACE CITIZEN: *(Let this person be dressed in gear resembling the present day astronaut. Only a couple of items of equipment will be necessary to give this impression to the audience.)* I am a pioneer of the spac age. In the day of Jesus travel was c foot and slow. Today we compare wit the speed of light. We are again pioneer ing in an area that has unlimited poss bilities for the future. Certainly Go had a hand in the development of th new world we have been hearing abou from the other pioneers who have spoke tonight. Surely He has a hand in th future development of the space age Man is dreaming about trips to othe planets, to the moon and the establish ment of space stations beyond our world If these things are accomplished it wil be because man has cooperated with the eternal laws of God.

What is God expecting that man wil accomplish in this "new" world? Wha is God planning for man through these revelations to him? In the past fifty years there has been more advancement in transportation and communication than in many centuries before. Since God has permitted man to pioneer in all of these areas does He have something more for man to do?

The New Testament declares that Jesus came "in the fullness of time". It was a time when there was a common language understood in most of the world, for Greek was widely known. The Romans had built roads and established new trading routes. The Romans also made travel safe by their protection. In this fullness of time Jesus came. Today communication can be almost instantaneous with people all around the world. Travel was never so rapid or so universal. Nor has there ever been a time when more people could understand each other. What a time for world evangelism, and for building the peace of the world in Christ. Certainly God means for man to use all the developments of the century to spread the Gospel. Every Christian can be a pioneer carrying the message to some one near him or in some far off place.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why does a nation fail and disappear? Rome, for example.

2. Name some of the elements that will bring about the destruction of a nation.

3. Name some of the elements that make a nation great.

4. List the qualities that preserves a nation.

5. Is your nation traveling toward a greater place in God's sight or toward destruction.

6. How is God recognized in your nation?

Daily Bible Readings

M. June 24 God Remembers His People Romans 11:1-5

T. June 25 Standing with the People of God Hebrews 11:23-27

W. June 26 Redeemed from all Nations Revelations 5:1-10

T. June 27 The Blessed Nation Psalm 33:8-16

F. June 28 Desiring a Better Country Hebrews 11:8-16

S. June 29 God's Nation II Samuel 7:18-24

Sun. June 30—Topic: My Country—My People Ruth 1:8-18

(Independence Sunday)

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union and extension representative of the International Society of Christian Endeavor

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for June

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Church History (three topics)

1. The First Gospel Sermon

Luke 24:45-53; Acts 2:37-41

Not until after the resurrection of Jesus could the Gospel be proclaimed in its fullness, except in anticipation. While Jesus came to preach the Gospel, His chief object was that there might be a Gospel to preach. A period of almost two months elapsed between the resurrection of Christ and the time when the first Gospel sermon was preached—a strange delay in the proclamation of news so urgent, a delay that invites our study as something that must have significance. Consider these questions:

What is the Gospel?

Why did Christ ask His disciples to wait in the upper room?

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures"—what Scriptures?

Summarize Peter's sermon and make application to present-day life.

2. Called to Follow

Mark 1:16-20; Acts 1:8

"Come ye after me . . . and they left their father Zebedee . . . and went after him." From childhood to old age each one of us is confronted with an endless series of challenges. But the greatest invitation ever extended is that which comes from the reigning Lord of heaven and earth when He says, "Come follow me." Although His call to discipleship was first extended before the establishment of the Church, He still invites all mankind to accept and follow Him. Make the program a historical study of the early disciples who accepted Jesus' call and their contribution to the establishment of Christianity in the world. Of particular interest would be character sketches of early preachers. *Fox's Book of Martyrs* will provide excellent source material.

3. Trained to Lead

Deuteronomy 6:4-12; Matthew 5,6,7

Teaching as an art was old when Jesus came to earth in the flesh. When Abram was called out of Ur of the Chaldees to become the father of the Hebrew nation, a new and powerful motive was introduced into the growing program of religious education. Moses and the prophets were teachers. The Hebrew parents taught their own children. The greatest teacher of all was Jesus Christ. Christianity depends upon teaching for its very existence. Devote the meeting to a study of your church's teacher-and preacher-training program. Write to theological schools for brochures; ask an elder or other leader to discuss the history of Christian education in the local church.

Civic Responsibilities (two topics)

1. Say "Yes" Occasionally

Matthew 5:13-16; Isaiah 6:5-8

"I direct the choir, I teach a Sunday school class, I type the bulletin each week, and I just haven't the time for civic work. They've asked me to join the Mother's March of Dimes and to lead the Scouts, but I just can't find the time." Most of us are confronted with decisions as to where we will accept positions of leadership. Many opportunities are usually presented to us to help with civic responsibilities. While our church programs need responsible leadership, we should not confine our willingness to work to the four walls of our church. If the church is to reach non-Christians, Christians must be willing to be community leaders. Needs of the community could be assessed in the meeting. A resource person from a civic program could explain the leadership needs of that program.

2. For God and Country

Psalm 33:10-12; I Peter 2:13-16

One of the nation's greatest assets is its children. They are full of potential. The younger set takes on the customs, characteristics, mores, and attitudes of the older generation. All youngsters acquire concepts by incidental learning, or they are purposefully taught by others. Our attitudes toward our local governments, symbols of government, officeholders, and community customs are being transmitted to the formative youngster. Evaluate some of your community traditions such as the manner of observance of national holidays. Ask if these observances have retained their meaningfulness. Consider the worthwhileness and Christian content of community traditions which you are passing on to youth. What could your society do to make them more Christian?

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